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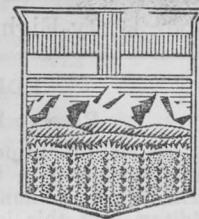
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## EDITORIAL

### Reserve Force Infantry

To solicit the utmost support of all members of our Association in the Reserve Force generally and The Loyal Edmonton Regiment in particular, the Editorial in this issue is quoting from a talk by our President to members of the Infantry Corps.

In the recent war, physical fitness was a major factor in the winning of "infantry battles." Foot soldiers, whether transported to the battleground by watercraft, aircraft, armoured vehicles or by their own resources, enjoy the great privilege and honor to fight the enemy at close quarters man against man. This privilege and responsibility demand high qualifications:

Morale and Intelligence—the will to win.

Stamina—the ability to fight for longer periods of time than their opponents.

High degree of weapon training and fieldcraft—the ability to fight more skilfully and cunningly than their adversaries.

The most learned infantry soldier who has not the determination and physical stamina necessary to finish a fight once joined, is of very little use to himself or anyone else in a crisis. He must be regarded as a menace to the security of his fellow-soldiers.

How are we, of the Reserve Force Infantry, going to ensure that we encourage the right type of men to join our privileged and demanding Corps? Let us not lower our standards; on the contrary, we must insist on very high standards. We must gear our system to appeal to the best men available, not only our training system but our living system.

Since such a high degree of endurance is required, let us live the outdoor life as much as possible. Much of training can be done outdoors. By intelligent planning more and, progressively, more of it can be learned in the field. It is in the field we will be required to show our superiority. We should prepare for that test by utilizing the terrain near at hand, for it is a challenge to our skill to be able to fight on many varying types of ground.

We must prepare ourselves to manoeuvre in varying weather, from severe cold to intense heat. Another challenge!

Does it not appear fundamental then that our educational program to encourage the men we need should include short talks on the following subjects:

The responsibility of citizenship.

—Fact about our heritage.

—The vastness of our country.

Our varying weather and terrain.

—Our responsibility to our neighbours.

Reasonable men do not expect something for nothing. It is surprising how many people are unreasonable when military matters are brought to their attention. Have we, ourselves, been negligent in the past? Have we been unreasonable? Possibly we have. We may not have attempted to place our views in a favourable light. We may not have thought it necessary to bring certain things which we believe necessary to the attention of those people we desire to cultivate. Have we failed to

show why we believe reserve infantry are necessary?

Before we can expect to attract suitable personnel to our ranks, we must see to it that our views are understood, that our own plan is sound and our organization is efficient.

Junior leaders are urgently required. It is our task to search out the type of young manhood which will encourage the men we desire. The more thickly populated the area, the more important this choice becomes. Youth is extremely critical. Standards of living are rapidly rising. Many and varied attractions are becoming available to greater numbers of people. We are in competition with numerous other worthy organizations.

Each community, platoon or company, therefore, has its own particular problem. It should plan its activities to tie-in with other existing organizations in such a manner that co-operation is encouraged. A community spirit is demonstrated in many ways. Once it is aroused, the results are often surprising. One sees swimming pools built, recreation parks equipped, baseball and hockey teams sponsored.

In our Province many such communities are forming. The hamlets of today will be the villages of tomorrow. Our greatest opportunity is in these growing areas. Our organizations can grow with the growing community.

It is true that many of our prospects and their younger brothers are very busy at the present time endeavouring to establish themselves. For that reason they are not immediately available. However, that is all the more reason we should contact them now. They will, very soon, be eager to join "some organization." That other organization, one of our competitors, is wide-awake to the present opportunity. We must present our case first. We believe in it; we, therefore, have the power of our convictions to champion our cause. To place first things first—what organization can our prospect mention that demands such high moral courage, clean-living, physical endurance and clear thinking? What organization offers a better opportunity to really appreciate and get to know our fellow men? And to the outdoor enthusiast and the true sportsman what a challenge!

It is important to organize for coming events. Gun Clubs will be revived. Many teams of practically every sport will be organized. We must issue operation instructions to our Rifle Committees and Sports Committees. If these committees are not functioning, new men with vision, enthusiasm and skill should be approached immediately to set the wheels in motion. This work can be done now. There is no point in delaying the matter.

The long winter evenings offer excellent opportunities to interview prospective marksmen, outdoor enthusiasts, and sportsmen to whom the prospect of playing in a team will appeal. All our activities should be designed to develop the team spirit. Once finally established and properly encouraged in all our doings, it will grow. The important thing is to get off to a good start by organizing now, choosing the people who are going to interview other people. Should some prospects not be immediately available for various reasons, diarize them for later in the year. Our appeal is

logical. Intimate to them that they are needed, that their support is important, that an interest will be taken in their welfare and emphasize that we are interested in them.

The general welfare of our team mates should be our constant concern. This does not mean molly-coddling or unnecessary prying into private matters. It does mean, however, a genuine interest in the well-being of our fellow-men.

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment are continuing to do excellent work over a very large geographical area. They will always merit our fond admiration, they deserve and expect our whole-hearted support. Many of them will be attending the Wainwright Winter Training Exercises during the first two weeks in February.

September 29, 1948

### THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

#### Notice to Men Between 17½ and 45 Years of Age

If you live in Edmonton, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment is your regiment. It is a regiment that made Edmonton famous from the hills of Sicily to the main streets of Berlin. It is the regiment with a glorious tradition second to none, in two wars.

Why not join up with the famous "LOYAL EDMONTONS"? You'll be proud to belong and the Regiment will be proud to have you.

Parades are held every Thursday evening at the Prince of Wales Armoury, commencing Thursday, 30th September, 1948.

Members who join receive an issue of new uniform, boots, great-coat and equipment. In fact, every article required by a soldier is handed to you free.

The Regiment is equipped with all the modern equipment of a fighting unit. You will have the opportunity of becoming a Bren Gun Carrier driver, a truck driver, a machine gunner, a wireless operator, an anti-tank gunner or a bandsman.

In addition to the equipment available, you will find battle-trained officers and N.C.O.'s to give you all the instruction you require to become a first-class soldier.

It's not all training—You will also have excellent opportunities for recreation such as rifle-shooting, basketball, baseball and week-end outings.

Think it over fellows, and come down to the Armoury about 8 o'clock Thursday evenings, and see the Adjutant in Room 38, or phone 22740 any time for information.

#### Officers' Mess

The Loyal Edmonton Regt. Officers Mess, held its election of officers on Monday, Sept. 20th, and those elected were President Capt. Percy Darlington, Vice-President Capt. Ed Pritchard, Secretary Capt. Jack Madore, and Treasurer Capt. Maurice Flowers; executive members were Lieut. Robby Robertson, Capt. Jimmie Hunter and Major Johnnie Adams. Activities of the mess got under way on Oct. 9th, when a pheasant shoot was held at Camp Harris. A formal dance was held on December the 4th, which was very well attended, and the coffers were not too badly invaded due to the good work of the committee. A Mess dinner is planned for the not too far distant future, and it is hoped the attendance will hit a top level. If any member of the Mess is not getting his notices please inform Percy Darlington, and he will right the wrong.

#### At The Mewburn, Government House and Charles Camsell Hospitals

The following men of our Association were in hospital around the Christmas season:

##### Mewburn

Lieut. Ken Rootes, Steady D, and a steady customer for the past 4 years.

Harry Hrabec, M67619, another Steady D. Harry suffered a severe injury in Italy.

Bob Langevin, M15738, B company.

Mike O'Leary, A coy., 811665, wounded at Vimy Ridge, April, 1917.

J. Knutson, B coy., seriously ill at this time. Ernie Bryant, M104767.

Bobby Dean, Steady D, and the Bomber Section, in War I.

John Downie, 3rd Bn.

A. A. Knight, A coy., wounded in Sicily.

Dickie Barcroft, 436586, A coy., War I.

Jack Horner, 432665, 13 platoon, D coy.

H. Martin, M17373, Reinforcements, War II.

Wm. Parker, 432977, B coy., back in hospital with back injury from War I.

P. Anderson, formerly of the Snipers, War II.

Albert Figg, C coy., and W. F. Marchant, 15 platoon, D coy., were patients, but were spending Christmas at home.

##### Government House

Gracing this fine residence by their presence are Bob Callander and Pierre Aube, of D coy., War I.

##### Charles Camsell

T. M. Stark, Vern Hawes and Leslie Moreau, of War II.

The above patients were visited by the Hospital Committee and a Christmas gift of cigarettes presented to them.

Don Sims looked after Charles Camsell and Ed. Tannous the Government House and Col. Mewburn Hospitals.

#### Visits Edmonton

Mrs. J. R. Stone of Salmon Arm, B.C., wife of Lt. Col. Stone, D.S.O., M.C., former commanding officer of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and daughter Shelley Margaret, visited at the home of Mrs. Stone's mother, Mrs. P. M. Smith, last November. By the look of their photo in a local paper both seemed to be doing well.

#### Major Bury's Name Commemorated

Names of four Edmonton and northern Alberta war heroes have been given to new communities in the northwest part of the province it was announced last October by provincial authorities. Bury Ridge is being named after Maj. W. G. Bury, D.S.O., who was killed in Sicily on July 28, 1943, while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Hightower Creek is named after P.O. C. E. Hightower of Beverly, holder of the D.F.C., who was listed as missing in July, 1943. Mount Hunter is named after Flt. Lt. R. H. Hunter, D.F.C. of Westlock, who transferred from the 19th Alberta Dragoons to the air force and was lost in the far eastern theatre in February 1945. Jackson Creek is named after P.O. H. N. Jackson, of Medicine Hat and Edmonton, who held the D.F.C., and was lost on February 16, 1944.

## THE BATTLE OF THE MORO RIVER

**Empire Troops Show Mettle Against Metal — Sturdy Newfoundlanders Asset to Canadian Entity**

A voice report from Italy by CBC war correspondent Matthew Halton, broadcast on CBC News Roundup, 7:45 p.m. E.D.T., Tuesday, January 4, 1944, Trans-Canada Network.

### In Last Issue

And

Two reports of Italian campaign by Matthew Halton on his return to London, broadcast on CBC News Roundup, 7:45 p.m., E.D.T., Wednesday, February 2, 1944, and following the CBC National News Summary, 10:00 p.m. E.D.T., Sunday, February 6, 1944, Trans-Canada Network.

### In This Issue

#### Muddy, Bloody Fighting Dogged Westerners Grim Battling

Summary of Italian Campaign,  
February 2, 1944.

I have come back to London to cover what is called the "second front" for the CBC. Why it is called the "second front" I am not quite sure because for the last five months I have been in Italy where the Allied Armies are engaging a quarter million Germans. However, let us call it the "second front."

I don't know when it will come, whether it will be next week, or next month, or next summer, but I am sure it will not be as easy as the last assault landing we made—that one in Italy. How fantastic it was that morning. I had the honor of going ashore with the first units to make the bridgehead. We were invading the "European Fortress"; we expected to have to storm ashore through a curtain of fire, but the enemy wasn't there. We touched down in our assault landingcraft and stepped ashore without hearing a shot. I shall always remember sitting on my typewriter on the beach and watching the soldiers come ashore through the drifting smoke from our barrage. I was happy then for two reasons: we had come back to Europe—the wheel was coming full-circle—and we were still alive. People are saying now that the coming invasion of Western Europe will be either very easy or very hard. That is, that the Germans will have collapsed completely when we invade, or that they will still be fighting very hard.

Our bombers are slowly destroying the German cities. The huge Russian armies are rolling westward: they are in Estonia and Poland. The Battle of Italy has reached its climax. Perhaps Germany will collapse before we invade in the west. I hope so most fervently, but I doubt it very much. There is still no sign of collapse among the German fighting men. However we shall know about this in time, but the incredible and the wonderful thing to me as I walk once more through the streets of this most loved of all cities is that in 1944, only four years after the fall of France, we are waiting to go back to Europe.

Was that four years ago, or forty? May the 10th. When was that? The day that Churchill became Prime Minister, the day the German avalanche ran west, the day that Hitler said, "This will decide the fate of Germany for a thousand

years." Was it only four years ago? Dunkirk, where the rags and tatters which had hidden the soul of democracy fell away? The fall of France, Britain alone and almost totally unarmed, the Blitz—the finest hour—was this only four years ago?

He who comes back finds a London that is full of Americans. I watch an American soldier walking down the street with an English girl, and I wonder whether the British and the Americans will ever divide again. There are still Americans who don't like the British and there are still Britons who don't like the Americans, but more and more they are coming to like each other. The only comment is that we had better like each other. Let us fall apart again, and we can start preparing our babies for the next war.

Not that this war is over yet. My own guess is that it will take most of this year to beat Germany and that the Germans still have a surprise or two for us. Goebbels has said, "If we Nazis have to leave the stage of Europe, we shall close the doors with a bang that will shake European civilization to its foundations." That is the scream of a mad dog, but we cannot laugh at it. Europe is full of red ruin, and the breaking-up of laws. It may soon be full of pestilence and horrors worse than any we have known.

We shall lose many of our finest men because, make no mistake, the finest young men in any nation make their way to the positions where courage and leadership are needed, which is, above all, the battlefield. We shall suffer, but this year Hitlerism will die.

The other day I crossed the Moro River for the last time, coming back from the Canadian front. I had been with the forward troops on the Arielli River, and now I drove back to Ortona where we had one of the most savage battles of the war. A soldier was painting a street name; the name of the main street was being changed to "Vancouver Avenue" and certainly that town belongs to Canada.

Then we drove along the lateral road to the awful crossroads which for two weeks had been a shuddering nightmare of death and splitting steel. Below us was San Leonardo, further away were the snow-capped mountains, Mount Maiella and the Gran Chasso. Between us and the mountains were our comrades of the Eighth Army, the British, the New Zealanders, the Indians and the rest, and beyond that somewhere there were the French troops and the Fifth Army, which has now bypassed the Italain stalemate.

We stopped a few minutes at the crossroads, because our driver wanted to kneel and pray at the grave of one of his friends. Then the officer with me said, "Well, let's get cracking, or you'll miss your plane," and we drove down into the valley of the Moro River, that muddy, bloody little creek, where I had learned the greatness of my own country as I had not known it before. I felt almost guilty at leaving. Why should one man be able to leave that battlefield, and come to London, when the fighting men had to stay, their job unfinished, many a hard battle still to come?

I remember wishing that morning that I could know how to describe a battle, but it's no use. It cannot be told. I have received a complaint that my descriptions of the Moro River fighting were sometimes too grim. That's too bad; it would have

been grimmer had I known how to describe the things I saw.

I got into a plane just near the front, and in a few minutes I was in Naples. From Naples it was only a few hours to Algiers, and then I left Africa, and nine hours later I was in the United Kingdom. It took longer to get to London from the landing field than it took to fly from Africa.

In the aircraft there was a Canadian tank corps officer who had made his name a legend in the fields around Ortona. He asked me how the Canadians compared with other fighting men I had seen. The word "best" came into my mind, but "best" is a powerful little word, a very big word. I replied, "I don't know who are the best soldiers in the world, but I know there are none better than the Canadians."

I do think the Canadians have all the qualities which go to make great fighting men. They have superb discipline, and when you go to war, you soon see how essential discipline is, and that courage is not always enough. They have also wonderful confidence in themselves and in their comrades. They have a remarkable combination of teamwork and individuality—really remarkable—and they are better educated than almost any other soldiers in the world.

I was with the Canadians for several weeks before I saw how they fought, the strange weeks when we chased through the wild mountains and the antique towns of southern Italy trying to catch the Germans. We caught them at last in the central Appenines near Campobasso, but even there we had no hard battle of the kind that test men to their very soul and shows what they are.

That battle came on the Moro River, a muddy little stream that you can jump across. The Canadians call it "Little Hell Creek," for the very best of reasons.

I sit here now in London, and at moments my memories seem like dreams, shadowy things which couldn't have happened—but at other times they are so vivid that I clench my fists. There was that first day, December 8th, when we got forward to a company of Western Canadians who had just destroyed thirteen enemy machine-gun posts in an afternoon, and I clench my fists now remembering the wounded artillery observation officer who called for a concentration of fire on himself. There were the terrible rides back and forth across the Moro River and the San Vito gorge. The infantry fights its way across a river first to make a bridge-head—never forget that the infantry still has the toughest time, no matter how mechanized war becomes—and then the engineers build the bridges. Then the vehicles start moving, shells or no shells. At this minute, again I see a picture so vivid that I clench my fists. A convoy of ammunition trucks starting down the corkscrew road to the bridge. The "Jerry" gunners have every bend in the road taped, registered, and every few seconds they drop a shell here, and one here, and one here, but the drivers have to go. You watch this. You watch the M.P.'s on the bridge, erect as if on point duty, giving each vehicle its signal to make the run.

When you run this gauntlet yourself, such as we of the CBC often had to do four to eight times a day, it isn't so bad. There is an unholy thrill about it as well as fear. You are with good friends. You can laugh and joke. It's when you are watching others do it that you grow older, especially

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Taking it easy before the troops start blasting are left to right, E. E. Horton, Tom Magee, Jim McKay, Charlie Swan, Harry Bannon, Joe Doyle, Tom Middleton, Tim Hackett and Charlie Harper.

when occasionally a vehicle is hit and goes up in a vomit of flame and smoke.

There was the first time we got into San Leonardo, we ran into a car post to take shelter from bursting mortars. A young doctor smiled and went on giving plasma to a wounded man. Through the rain of steel the stretcher bearers kept coming in with their wounded; through the rain of steel the ambulance drivers kept going off with their wounded to cross the bridge.

There was the first time we got to Berardi on the cross roads. On the map there is a little footpath going through the first "r" in the word "Berardi," so the word looks like "Belardi," and "Belardi," it is to all the Canadians, so long as they live. They'll tell their children about "Belardi," but they won't tell them too much. For one thing, they won't find words—as I don't—and for another, there are things which don't bear telling.

It was an appalling sight at the crossroads—a fearful thing—the hundreds of dead in the olive groves, the olive groves destroyed, every single leaf, destroyed.

And there was the German machine gun which suddenly opened up on us from behind, and we lay there breathless to watch a handful of French Canadians rush in with hand grenades amid a wild clattering and shouting.

There was the phenomenon of Ortona. Now again my fists clench at the thought of the first time we got into Ortona to get the story—the broadcast. First we came to some engineers build-

ing a bridge in the deep gully immediately below Ortona. They were being shelled. Then we went forward on foot, following the white tapes, picking our way among fragments of German dead, and ten of thousands of our shells going over from far behind like ten thousand angry little devils, and the enemy mortars falling around.

We got into Ortona and crawled on our stomachs along the street toward the command post of one of our regiments. Just as we got in, panting and sweating, warm for once, a young soldier threw himself into the half-basement room, three hundred yards from the Germans, and shouted, "Who'll come with me to get that 'Jerry' anti-tank gun?" And there was a wounded man there who asked permission to go.

Then, amid the inferno of machine-guns and bursting shells, there was an enormous explosion. The colonel said, "That's German dynamite. That's the way they are fighting us. They choose a room and sandbag it. Then they dynamite the building down on top of themselves, and fill the rubble with mines, and fight there until they are killed like mad dogs and we have to do the attacking."

And there was the scene on Christmas Day, which those who saw will never forget. Christmas dinner in a shelled, broken church in Ortona. Candles and white tablecloths. This was really a fantastic thing, not four hundred yards from the enemy, carol singers, the platoons coming in in relays to eat a Christmas dinner—men who hadn't had their clothes off in thirty days coming in and

eating their dinners, and carol singers singing "Silent Night."

And a wounded man in an advanced dressing station asking the accordion player to play, "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas," and the accordion player played and sang the song—the requiem for one Canadian soldier.

There are a few Moro River memories, and I think now, in the hard battles yet to come, I shall be very proud to be with our Canadians, no matter how hard it is—and hard it will be.

#### Conclusion of Summary

February 6, 1944.

"In the years to come, when a man is asked what part he played in the war, it will be enough to say," said Mr. Churchill once, "that he marched with the Eighth Army." This army gave us our first victory in the war. That was when Wavell, with only two or three divisions, knocked out an Italian Army of hundreds of thousands of men. This army saved the Middle East, and therefore saved the war. This army chased the Germans from Alamein to Tunis, and now this army is in Italy.

In the desert the Eighth Army was a phalanx of Empire, a gallant company of Britons from all over the world, British troops, Australians, New Zealanders, South Africans and Indians, with Canadians above them, up in the desert air force.

There are some differences now in Italy. The Australians aren't there; they are fighting in the jungles of New Guinea. Many of the old originals, the corps d'elite of Englishmen, who, with two-pounder gun tanks fought to a standstill the Germans with 75-millimetre gun tanks, these men are no longer with the Eighth Army. Yet it is still a great British Empire phalanx, with its British divisions, its New Zealanders, its Indians, and its superb Canadians. In fact, now more than ever, the Eighth Army is a cross-section of the British Empire.

In my last few days in Italy I visited not only Canadian, British, New Zealand, and Indian troops, but also gunners from Newfoundland, pioneers from Basutoland, signallers from Rhodesia, men from Mauritius, and others who names are not yet released.

You can tell at a glance which men fought in the old desert war. They wear on their breast the ribbon of the Africa Star, with its wide yellow bands for desert sands, its red bands for the army, and its blue bands for the air force. You can see this whole army now in twenty miles of Italy.

On the right is the green Adriatic, where the Canadians fought for the Moro River and Ortona. On the left is Mount Maiella Mersa, stretching up to the Gran Chasso. In between the mountains and the sea there is the Eighth Army, and every road there, every hill and valley, has been enriched with British blood.

The hard fighting started with the crossing of the Sangro River and the breaking of the German winter line by British and Indian troops. Then in December came the Battle of the Moro River. This was the first big battle that Canadian troops have fought since the last war, and in some ways it was like the last war with its rain of mud, its bitter fighting, its terrible concentrations of fire.

Here is a recording of some of the shelling: Think, when you hear it, that it went on for weeks, and that it blasted the whole countryside.

#### Recording of Shelling at the Battle of the Moro River

We used a million shells on the Moro River, and still the Germans kept fighting. Among our

gunners were the Newfoundlanders. A regiment of the Newfoundland Artillery was serving with the Indians. Here is a recording made just before I left the Newfoundland flash spotters, the men who deduce the positions of the enemy guns.

#### Recording of Newfoundland Flash Spotters

(NOTE: Flash spotters take bearings of the flashes from enemy guns and signal them back to regimental headquarters, where the bearings are co-ordinated so that counter-battery fire can be brought to bear.—ED.)

From the Newfoundland gunners I drove that day to visit the New Zealanders. We found them in deep snow, and many of them had never seen snow before. They fought at times in blizzards. I took shelter from the storm in an old wine-press with three New Zealand officers whom I had known in Alamein. They had taken part in the great action south of Mersa Matruh, where the New Zealanders had attacked two German armoured divisions and the 90th Light, in order to give the exhausted Eighth Army time to re-group at Alamein. Now they were in Italy, and they had four years away from home, and they had left many of their friends lying along a hard road two thousand miles away.

New Zealanders, Newfoundlanders, British, and then the next troops I saw were some colored pioneers from Basutoland. I had seen them first on the Sangro River, helping British engineers to build a bridge under persistent shell-fire. Now I saw them when their choir was singing for wounded men in an advance dressing station. They sang with an extraordinary melody. I supposed they were singing some old African war-song, but I learned that these Basutos were all ardent Christians, and that the song was a Christian hymn of their own called, "God Leads Us On." Here is the recording:

#### Recording of Hymn by Men of Basutoland

The next day I went to the foot of Mount Maiella, to visit some British special troops fighting a guerrilla war in the mountains. It should never be forgotten that three out of five of the Allied fighting troops in Italy are British, and that many of them have been fighting for three years. Once I visited a British anti-aircraft battery, the first ack-ack battery ever formed. These men had fought with Wavell in the desert. They are still at their guns with a long road still ahead before they get home.

I remember particularly a conversation between three officers:

"When did you leave England, Richard?"

"September the 3rd old boy, the day war was declared."

"Oh, I left in October, the same year. What about you, Johnny?"

"Five years for me. I was sent out to India in 1938."

Those were three men of the tens of thousands who have been away for years from the things men live for and fight for. They are men of ancient and illustrious regiments.

Some of the regiments, some of the great Indian fighting men can be named, the Gurkhas and Mah-rattas, the Punjabese, and others from the Northwest Frontier, and the Sikhs, who more than once in Italy have gone into battle singing their battle cry, which you can hear in this recording:

#### (Recording of Battle Cry of the Sikhs)

I wish I could close this broadcast with a recital of the names of our splendid Canadian regiments in Italy. Unfortunately these names are still not released, but you know what they did on the Moro

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**(Recording of Telephone Conversations by  
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Those are our own men in action speaking from a tank, and at the same moment, some of our aircraft are going over, strafing the enemy.

No battles can be won without the loss of some of the finest men, and I end this small salute to the Eighth Army with a recording of a Canadian pipe band playing farewell to dead comrades:

**(Recording of a Canadian Pipe Band)**

**Proud Pops and Grandpops**

Laub—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Laub (nee Stephanie MacDonald), at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, on August 6, a son, Alan John, weight 7 lbs., 12 ozs. Laub is the son of R.S.M. Laub, of the 2nd Reserve Battalion.

Kirkpatrick — To Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kirkpatrick (nee Iris Mortlock, of London, England) on July 2, a daughter, Sherrill Ann, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Weight, 6 pounds, 11 ounces. Kirkpatrick served in the L.E.R. overseas.

Chorley—To Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chorley (nee Eunice Rae) on Nov. 2, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, a daughter, Maureen Rae. Weight 7 lbs., 8 ozs. Chorley's dad served in A Coy. 49ers.

George—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. George (nee Roma Gleave) wish to announce the birth of a son, Herbert Eugene, on October 10, at Victoria, B.C. Weight 7 lbs., 7 ozs. Roma's father served in A Coy. 49th.

Arnold — Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Arnold (nee Marion Wight) announce the birth of a son, Alan Charles, on November 13, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Weight 8 lbs., 4 ozs. Norman C. is the son of N. Arnold, D Coy. 49th.

McVee—Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McVee (nee E. Burns, England) on August 19th, 1948, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, a daughter, Wendy Doreen.

**Stampeders Win Recalls Eskimos Attempts**

In the sports pages of our local papers appeared writeups of the Calgary Stamps win down East for the football cup. In relating past games this was said, "In 1921, the late Deacon White took Edmonton's Eskimos to Toronto for an unsuccessful cap clash against Toronto Argos, and the following fall the Eskimos went East again to lose to Queen's University. In the same paper appeared a picture of a banquet for a school rugby team at which Miles Palmer was speaker. He told of the importance of keeping in top physical condition. Miles was a member of the teams Deacon White took East in the early 20's. Deacon White used to coach the 49th baseball teams and served with C company, and Miles was one of the sports of D company.

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**HOW MONS CAPTURE CAME TO LIGHT****42nd Battalion Make Historic Entry**

The following was sent in by Robt. C. Laurie, Mallaig, Alta. The Montreal-Star paused the other day to note the death of Mr. Arthur Grafftey. (November, 1948. Ed.)

Mr. Grafftey will be known by name to comparatively few people, but history will record him as the man who led D company of the Canadian 42nd Black Watch Battalion in the capture of Mons on the night of November 10-11, 1918.

In his history of the first world war, John Buchan notes the curious fact that great wars have a way of coming full circle, of ending where they began. Mons had this significance for British troops in the first world war. But while the onrush of the German army in 1914 and the fall of Mons is fully recorded in the public records, the recapture of the city might never have been told in detail had it not been for a curious libel action in Canada in 1928.

Sir Arthur Currie sued the Port Hope Guide for saying that Canadian lives had been needlessly sacrificed in the taking of Mons. And in the course of the trial, the men who had actually taken the town were called as witnesses. The evidence proved that only one Canadian was killed on Armistice Day in 1918, only two on the preceding day and none at all in the taking of Mons.

Mr. Grafftey, then a captain in the 42nd Black Watch, led his company on the morning of November 10 from Jemappes a few miles from Mons. His orders were to relieve a company of the Princess Pats. By dusk this had been accomplished and the line established close to Mons. After darkness closed in, the company groped its way forward and by midnight had entered the city without encountering the enemy. Capt. Grafftey, after poking about the streets, concluded that the Germans had evacuated the city. Early the following morning the news of the impending cease fire came in. Mons, as Capt. Grafftey pointed out in his evidence, was captured not for itself but in the general advance which had been going on for many days.

The man who led a Canadian Company in a historic and bloodless victory is now dead.

**Diverse Racial Groups Formed Canadian Army**

The 730,625 men enlisted in the Canadian Army during the Second Great War were natives of 48 different countries, the army's historical section related last August. The biggest non-Canadian group were the 39,907 born in England; smallest three Albanians and three of Montenegro; Scotland, 18,308; Ireland, 6,585; United States and Alaska, 19,068; Poland, 5,144; Russia and the Ukraine, 2,850; Newfoundland, 2,500; Wales, 2,123.

**Appreciates Forty-Niner**

Mrs. F. J. South, widow of Floyd, has written to thank the association for sending along the magazine for so many years. Mrs. South is now living at Courtenay, B.C., Box 570, but formerly lived at Dimsdale, Alta.

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WARTIME CORRESPONDENT RECOGNIZED



R. L. "Dick" Sanburn and Mrs. Sanburn

War Correspondent's Work Recognized

Two of the many correspondents of War II, R. L. "Dick" Sanburn and R. Ross Munro were honored at an investiture held at Government House, Ottawa, Tuesday, November 30, when they received the insignia of the Order of the British Empire from His Excellency Viscount Alexander. Both awards were made in recognition of outstanding service to their country as war correspondents. As our readers will remember our own correspondents, 'um! being few and their opportunities for news writing practically nil, we had to rely for a lot of our stories on the official news from the correspondents. A good job of work was done and we feel indebted to all of them and are pleased to add our congratulations to Ross and Sanburn on this tangible recognition of work well done. In all of our war issues are excerpts and whole items of the fighting done by our troops and especially those which spoke so highly of the work of our own boys. In fact, we have some more of their work on hand which we intend to publish at some future date.

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**Algonquins Regimental History Available Shortly**

Veterans of the Algonquins will soon be able to purchase a history of their unit, Chairman L. C. Monk of the History Committee stated last December. The title of the history is "Warpath, The Story of the Algonquins." Mr. Monk asks that those veterans of the Algonquin Regiment interested in securing a history of the unit, could order it by writing to him at 81 Brock St., Kingston, Ontario.

## WARTIME CORRESPONDENT RECOGNIZED



Mrs. Munro and R. Ross Munro

**Brother of L.E.R. Man Dies**

Veteran of five years' service in the R.C.A.F., John Wilfred MacMillan, 34, died recently in Pincher Creek. Born in Vancouver, he attended school in Gadsby and Halkirk, Alta. Besides his wife, parents and sister, a brother, Roy, was killed in action in Italy in 1945, while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

**Grave of P.O. Madore Found**

Graves of P.O. Pierre Madore and crew members, killed in the war, have been located at Eschelbronn, 10 miles Southwest of Heidelberg, in Germany, according to word received in December by the flier's mother, Mrs. J. C. Burger, 10157 - 114th St. P.O. Madore is a brother of Jack Madore, our Hon. Treasurer. In all four members of the family served overseas.

**Memorial Window from Battlefield Ruins**

On Sunday, November 7, a unique memorial was unveiled at the Highlands United Church when Lt. Gov. Hon. J. C. Bowen, took part in the ceremony of dedicating a stained glass window made of fragments of church windows gathered through war-torn Europe by the Rev. T. R. Davies, when chaplain of the Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg. Some officers from Winnipeg who served overseas with the regiment were presented at the dedication ceremony performed by the Rev. Dr. E. T. Scragg. Seventeen members of this church lost their lives in World War II.

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## RESERVE BATTALION NEWS

## All Arms in Exercise Co-op

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Reserve, made good use of opportunities presented when they attended summer camp at Wainwright during July past. The responsibility of being Officer Commanding, was thrown on the broad shoulders of Brig. "Jeff" Jefferson. Lt./Col. Bill Cromb, C.O. of the Battalion led approximately 100 of the unit into a mock battle, which was given the nomme de plume "Exercise Co-op," which was very applicable, as the whole show was designed to embrace all arms of the army, working in co-operation with the R.C.A.F. A miniature "village" was pulverized by the terrific firepower of 25 pounders, tank guns, and machine gun fire, bombing from planes, and to add fuel to the fire, flame throwers were also used. The thud of the 25 pounders, the sharp crack of the tank guns, and the continuous chatter of the machine guns refreshed memories of those training who had previously had a taste of the real thing. Battle tactics, rifle firing in the field, fieldcraft, firing of the tank destroying PIAT, were only some of the subjects covered to good advantage by the unit.

## Church Service Held

September the 19th, saw the official opening of Army Week in the City of Edmonton getting underway, by a Drumhead Church Service. The ceremony took place on the lawns south of the legislative buildings. Major E. J. Bailey, who served so admirably with the unit in the Italian campaign, was one of those officiating. After the ceremony a giant march past, took place with Lt.-Gov. J. C. Bowen taking the salute. Military music of the marching type was well done by unit band, and the P.P.C.L.I. bugle band.

## Army Week Success

On Monday the Armouries was opened to the public, and many were the interested spectators who gathered to see the latest equipment, and also to see the unit's museum, which proved to be one of the major attractions of the entire week. Which reminds me fellows, if you've got any old souvenirs that have outlived their usefulness, and have probably been relegated to the attic, garage, or basement, or are proving the bane of the little lady's life when it comes to wielding the duster around the house, send them in to the unit care of the Prince of Wales Armouries, along with a short history, and they will be adequately housed with many choice collectors' items, now in the museum. Lieut. Ronny Game had either the fortune or misfortune to be detailed Duty Officer for the week, but he had under his command several of the Edmonton Regiment Cadet Corps, who directed traffic in the armouries like seasoned veterans. During this week many former "Eddies" came down to look things over, included among whom were, Bob Rhodes, Jim Leighton, Ed Clauson, El Mason, and Les Taplin. Army Week was a total success, and resulted in many fine recruits joining the unit. Sept. 30th saw the initial parade of the fall season and as before mentioned the newest recruit; some who have graduated from the Cadets kept the Adjutant Capt. Ted Bumstead, and the M.O. Capt. Fred Conroy, as busy as the proverbial cat on a tin roof. Included in the recruits were the following: E. Lepine, S. R. Grenke, J. Hunter, R. England, and

many more. It's certainly heartening to see the enthusiasm shown by these boys.

The outlying companies stationed at Vermilion, Grand Prairie, and Vegreville had a top year, and in fact their *esprit de corps* is probably a little higher than the city company, and I regret that more information in respect to their activities is not available. (Editor plug—on bended knee, outlying companies are urged to forward as regularly as possible, any interesting information in respect to their activities—un-plug).

## Recruits Still Needed

As this is going to press, a turkey shoot, and smoker is on the books for next parade, and believe me there will be some fast competition, both in shooting, and smoking. There are still vacancies in the unit, and any reader, who is in close proximity to any portion of the unit is requested to do anything in the way of assistance that he can, for no matter how we kicked, our time in the unit, and that little bit of discipline we were all subjected to, has probably proved the greatest education any of us could have received, and certainly taught us to know our fellow man.

Lack of snow has hindered considerably the winter training that was planned, however, that can change overnight, and the syllabus drawn up includes winter battle tactics, and some top-notch ski instruction from some of the best. It is hoped that a winter camp similar to that held last year at Wainwright will be repeated.—Bob Turner.

## MacKenzie Leaves Alberta Service

Resignation of Donald B. MacKenzie, solicitor in the attorney general's department since Nov. 15, 1937, was announced last August. Born in Edmonton, Mr. MacKenzie graduated in law from the University of Alberta, and was called to the bar in 1931. He enlisted in the army in 1942 and served overseas. He retired from the army with captain's rank in 1946.

## Decoration Day in Edmonton

Flowers were placed on the graves of 1,500 graves of servicemen in three cemeteries on Sunday, August 22. This ceremony is sponsored by the Montgomery Branch of the Canadian Legion. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. R. Davies. Mayor Ainlay read the Legion "In Memoriam" at the service. The band of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment provided the music.

## King's Certificate Received

Mr. and Mrs. H. Longhurst of 10531-85 Ave., have received the King's certificate which their son Major Willmot G. Longhurst was awarded for distinguished service rendered. He was mentioned in despatches for distinguished service at Ortona in Italy. Major Longhurst was killed at the Savio River Crossing on Oct. 21st, 1944 in Italy. He enlisted on the first day war was declared and went overseas as a Sergeant with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He is buried in Cesena British Empire Cemetery, Italy.

## MEMORIES

### Putties Prove Pain in Pants

Time seems to fly these days, just as quickly as a 48-hour pass in London used to. It seems incredible that about nine years ago the call to arms went out, and the Prince of Wales Armouries echoed to the booming voices of Sergeants Major, bewildered recruits, and well-trained N.C.O.'s from the reserve. The uncertainty of passing Medical Exams, was only surpassed by the uncertainty of whether one could carry all the blankets, kit, paliases, and what have you, that was on issue, Gor! all that stuff for free. I will always remember the two lines of men, one going up the stairs, and one coming down, the ones going up asking those going down if they'd made it, and if the reply was no, it was always followed by "but I'll be back this afternoon, and try again," that was the stuff the unit was made of. In those days a Sgt. with three ruddy great hooks on his arm, carried far more weight to me, than any field officer, and in fact to be honest I thought a Sergeant was the higher rank. The awe with which I gazed at "Tiny" Little in his tailored two coat tunic, was comparable to the reaction of the world in respect to the Atomic bomb—thank the Lord he was on our side. Puttees, now there was something to make even Houdini sit up and take notice, after many strenuous attempts, plus more grunting, and getting red in the face than you could throw a donkey at, I eventually got one on, only to find, it was on upside down, so try again, nothing to it, any stupe could put on puttees, then the other one, just as easy, so out on parade—left, right, left, right, trip, stumble, hey, quit walking on my puttee! Fall out of parade, start winding, better make it a little tighter, there that's more like it, fall in, left, right, left, right, limp, right, limp, right, limp, limp, feels like a knife in my calf—fall out, unwind, rewind, left, right, unwind, rewind—puttees—the only weapon I can remember in the army they didn't give instruction in—but when you learned from your successful pal, the envy of all and sundry, you felt like a million, but army life was just one heartbreak after another, for if I remember correctly about 2½ hours after I gave up the idea of painting puttees on my legs, and seriously gave study to the correct way of rolling them on, the darn things went out of fashion, and the gaitor was the new look.—Bob Turner.

### Col. Wilson's Boy Wins Award

Fifteen-year-old William Ernest Wilson, 11121 90 Ave., named one of the two "most outstanding" grade nine students in Edmonton, was presented with a Gyro scholarship award at ceremonies in Garneau Junior High School Wednesday, Nov. 3. The award was one of two \$25 scholarships given annually to the boy and girl attaining highest grade nine standings in the city. William is the son of Col. Wilson of the Loyal Eddies.

## Prince Born to Princess Elizabeth

The following message was sent by the governor-general to the Princess: "On this happy day as we learn of the birth of a son to Your Royal Highness I send you on behalf of the people of Canada our most heartfelt congratulations together with our loyal and devoted good wishes." The best wishes of our association are extended for a long and fruitful life for the Prince and a hope he will prove to be a 'Prince of Peace.'

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### VANCOUVER BRANCH

Hello Troops, here we are reporting again after a lapse of six months; yes, and by the time these words are in print, the old year will have passed into history and we shall already be at the doorstep of a brand new year, with all its hopes and fears, so we take this opportunity—afforded us through the medium of this wonderful little magazine—of extending to all Forty-Niners and their families, where'er they may be, Hearty Seasonal Greetings and every good wish for a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful 1949.

Even the disastrous spring floods in the Interior and the exceptional summer rains throughout the province have failed to dampen our spirits and we have managed to keep in circulation and remain afloat, and this too, in spite of sundry and manifold attractions inseparable from the life of a large city of half a million population.

Regular meetings have been held with a fair attendance and we have been able to enlist the odd recruit from time to time. Our social activities have been confined to a dance held in the spring which was well attended, and to our annual summer Pic-Nic, which took place in beautiful Stanley Park on the shores of English Bay, in July.

Unfortunately, however, the weatherman was not co-operative on this occasion and only a small number braved the "Liquid Sunshine"—for which Vancouver is becoming notoriously famed—Nevertheless, those who did venture out were well repaid by the opportunity afforded of meeting old friends and making new ones.

Our Sick Committee, with the able and willing assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary, maintains close contact with the hospitals in looking up ex-members of the Regiment and in supplying little extras and comforts to the sick. We regret to report that the following comrades are at present undergoing treatment in Shaughnessy Hospital—we wish them all a speedy and permanent recovery to good health and happiness again. Charlie Schneck has been resting there for the past six months. Jack Bowling has just made a return visit for a further examination. Walter Hunter recently came in and is now undergoing a complete check-up. W. R. McDougald has lately been admitted for treatment. W. W. Morrison is still obliged to remain in Hospital. Percy Wells has spent much time in hospital this year but is now an out-patient and progressing we are pleased to report. F. W. Craig recently paid a short visit to Shaughnessy and made a rapid recovery to good health, vigor and vim again. On a recent visit to "Hycroft," that palatial Veteran's Home, situated in some seven acres of delightful and picturesque gardens, with marvellous views of Greater Vancouver, we came across E. H. H. Wynn-MacKenzie, a former "Steady D" man who was glad to obtain a recent magazine and renew his dues after a lapse of some years. William Morris is now out of hospital and recuperating at home from the effects of an accident he suffered last spring, it is well to know he is making progress. Harry Arnold has also been on the sick list for some months but managed to dodge the Sick Parade and remain at home and enjoy individual care and home-cooking. We are glad to say Harry is making progress and recently returned to work on a "light duty" basis. The years have certainly dealt kindly with Harry and his good wife, their perennial youth and happy outlook on life are the envy and wonder of their friends.

Old timers, especially the Signal Section, will

be interested to learn that Jimmy Collin—correction please, Lieut. J. B. Collin of the Irish Rifles Vancouver Regiment—recently returned from Honolulu where he represented the army in tactical exercises with the Royal Canadian Navy in Pacific waters. Jimmy states life on the ocean wave is pretty strenuous with lots of discipline thrown in for good measure; however, shore-leave on the tropical Hawaiian Islands is another story! All in all, it was a wonderful experience and a most enjoyable five weeks afloat says Jimmy. Applicants for combined operations with the fleet next year will form up on the left!

The Magazine is proving of invaluable assistance in securing new members to our Association—several of whom have never seen a copy since returning to Canada—and in every case there has been unanimous praise expressed for this worthwhile little publication. Vancouver Branch wishes to place on record its thanks and appreciation to the Editors in charge and to all who in any way contribute to its wealth of interest and entertainment. It is read and re-read with absorbing interest and pleasure and then passed along to others to enjoy and feast upon.

Congratulations are in order for Steve Henke and To McGhee, both of whom are now proud daddies—many happy returns!

We record with much pleasure brief visits during the past year from several of the Old Brigade. We were delighted to see Jimmy Thompson—well remembered as the genial and efficient Orderly Room Sergeant years ago—during one of his business trips out West. Neville Jones also dropped in for old time's sakes; yes, this retired life certainly agrees with "The Bishop" if appearances count for anything! Alec MacDonald, with the infectious smile, was also in the city—yes, you've guessed it—attending a convention! Then we had a visit from Doc Harris, looking hale and hearty, when visiting the coast recently. Sid Parsons, too, was a visitor looking up old friends and we were glad to welcome George Crockett, even if it was "raining cats and dogs" most of the time. George carries his years remarkably well, it seems difficult to find any change in his appearance since the days when we knew him as a dashing young trooper in that crack cavalry unit, "Crockett's Horse," which was later affiliated with the 49th Light Brigade—and that's a long time ago brother!

And should any of our friends, wishing to escape the rigors of a Prairie winter, be thinking of spending the balmy winter months out here in Port of Vancouver, on the shores of the Blue Pacific, we would be glad to see them drop in at the Castle Hotel—our headquarters—in downtown Vancouver, where the "Welcome Sign" is always out.

The following names and addresses have recently been added to the Vancouver Register and are published here for the information of all troops, everywhere—just in case you may have been wondering where your old buddies of 1939-1945 finally dropped anchor:

B. M. Cooper, 104 College Court, New Westminster, B.C.

D. Cameron, Bralorne, B.C.

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L. Toscak, No. 27, 1035 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C.

T. Tamblyn, 405 13th Avenue, New Westminster, B.C.

And that, troops, is thirty for now.

—H. R. Ducommun, President; A. G. Rowland, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### Vancouver Ladies' Auxiliary

Dear Forty-Niners:

The busy Christmas season is at hand and our Vancouver Ladies' Auxiliary is "buzzing" with activity just now. Our annual bazaar date is set for Dec. 1st and again it will be held at the home of our treasurer, Mrs. Collin. What we would do without such a willing and "go-getting" member as Mrs. Collin it is hard to say.

The garden party, held in July at the home of Mrs. E. A. Reeves, was a real success and helped to swell our funds substantially.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Reeves has undergone a serious operation to both eyes and was a very sick person for some time, but at the time of writing her condition is slowly improving and we sincerely hope she will soon be her happy self again. (We all sincerely hope so. Ed.)

Our regular meetings and sewing meetings are being carried on as usual.

We're also pleased to have been able to make donations to several charitable societies. Last, but not least, is our Christmas party, which will be held at Mrs. Collin's home. What a happy time we have!

In closing, we would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

Yours sincerely, The L.A., Vancouver Branch, Secretary, Mrs. Vera Hadden, President, Mrs. R. Chesterton.

#### Bagpipes Presented

A set of pipes played at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, 133 years ago, were presented to the Edmonton Burns Club at a recent meeting in Edmonton. The pipes were the property of a Mr. Sinclair, who fought in the famous battle with the 42nd (Black Watch) Scotch Regiment. Mr. Sinclair was the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. D. J. Avison of Edmonton. The historic pipes were presented to Alex Cunningham, president of the Burns Club, by D. J. Avison.

#### Peart Again President Civil Service

Alfred Peart, who served in the P.P.C.L.I., in War I, and the Loyal Eddies, War II, was re-elected president of the Civil Service Association of Alberta at the annual convention in Calgary last November.

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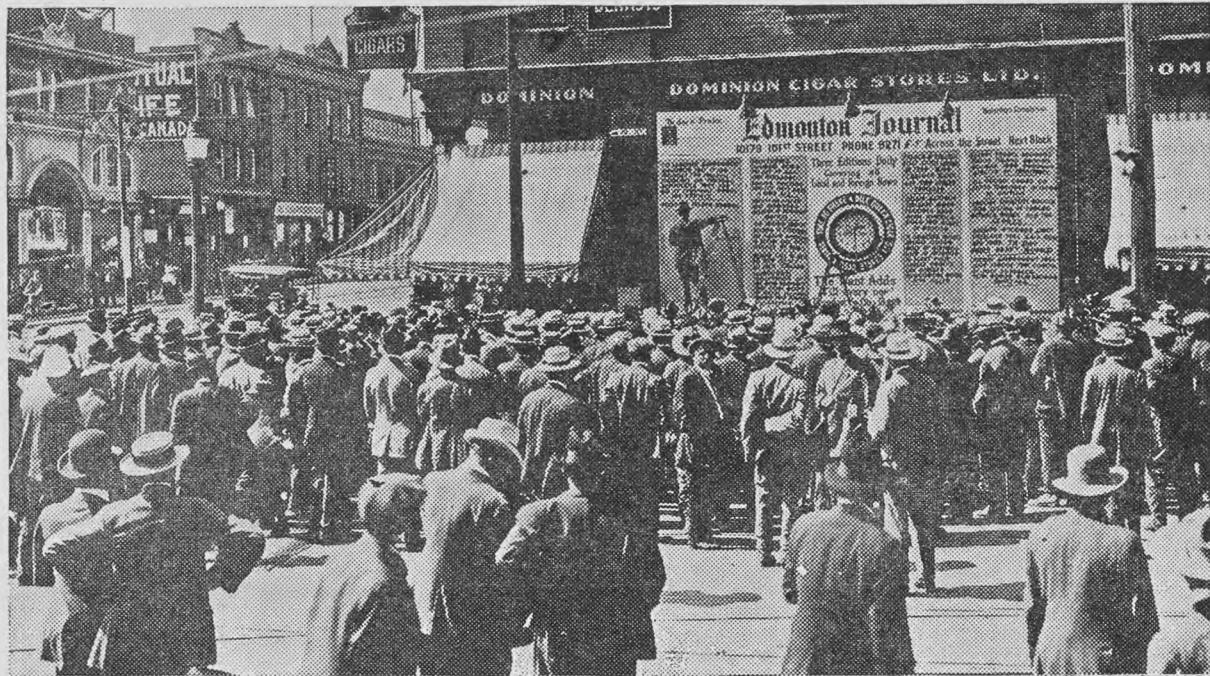
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### EARLY DAYS IN EDMONTON AND ALBERTA RECALLED

#### Griesbach "Boy Mayor"—Militia Battalions Early Departure in War I

In a series of 17 articles written by A. Balmer Watt, editor emeritus of the Edmonton Journal, appeared some very interesting reminiscences of the early days of this sprightly Western district. The following are some of the items which have a special interest to those of our boys who pioneered this district in those wild and wooly days, 1906. Under the sub-head, "Griesbach 'Boy Mayor,'" was this: "W. A. Griesbach, the future major-general, was the 'boy mayor.' He had entered municipal life as an alderman some years before. Once, when new to the council, he was taken to task for carving his initials on his desk. No one who has held the mayoralty post since he did had so difficult a task. To it he brought great energy, but he could not fight successfully "in the fell clutch of circumstance." Relating the financial difficulties and the high interest rates, Balmer Watt, goes on to say, "When election time came round, Mayor Griesbach had had enough. He decided not to be a candidate again and went on with his military and federal political career. How much distinction the former brought him need not be recalled."

#### "Financial Slump in 1913 Preceded Outbreak of War"

The speculative boom of 1912 (Have a care 1949!) in Western Canada, relates Mr. Watt, was part of a world-wide one, which was waning by the close of that year. "Real estate dried up, prices

dropped sharply, the flow of money from the British Isles, which had a large influence here, stopped almost altogether. The Balkan wars were thought to be principally responsible. A good harvest and increased immigration did not help the speculators. During the 12 months 420,000 persons arrived in Canada to make their homes."

#### 1913 "Hoodoo Year"

"Relief was expressed everywhere at the end of 1913 that the 'hoodoo year' was over and there was general confidence that the new one would prove much better. Few had any idea of what 1914 was to bring. 'The cloud cast over England,' the general manager of one of the banks stated at its annual meeting in January, 'my predictions of war with Germany has entirely passed away.'

"So many international crises had been surmounted that it was felt they would never result in actual conflict. The atmosphere during the months preceding the First Great War was quite different from that before the second one. How stupendous were the possibilities that lay ahead was first brought home to Edmontonians by an address that Conan Doyle delivered to the Canadian Club in mid-July on his way back from a holiday at Jasper. Before he reached London the war, of which he gave so impressive a warning had begun."

#### "Parades Held Here"

On the evening of August 4, after the news of Britain's declaration had come, the streets were filled with hastily-organized parades. There was much cheering and singing, "Rule Britannia" predominating. Speeches were made from a window in the C.P.R. station, where a crowd had assembled

to say goodbye to the first soldier to leave the city for overseas, a French reservist."

"The next day the Journal invited those who wished to volunteer to register at its office and there was a large and immediate response. Lieut.-Col. F. C. Jamieson received instructions to mobilize the 19th Alberta Dragoons. The 101st asked that the whole regiment be allowed to go and 900 of its officers and men left by the C.P.R. on Aug. 19. They were given a most enthusiastic send-off. The others followed with the commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Osborne eight days later."

"There were similar scenes when the Dragoons under Lieut.-Col. Jamieson and with Major W. A. Griesbach second in command, entrained on Aug. 25 for Valcartier. A demonstration in front of the government building in honor of the two units had been held a few days previously. Addresses were delivered by Premier Sifton, Mayor McNamara, Rev. Dr. McQueen (Father of Major Jim McQueen, Ed.) and Bishop Gray, 'Nowhere else in the Dominion,' the Journal claimed, 'has there been such eagerness to answer the call.' As the months went by, numerous other regiments were raised and took their leave with thousands bidding them farewell." (As you will all know Major Griesbach came back from England at the end of 1914 to organize and raise the 49th, Ed.)

"Home activities in support of the war effort were organized and years of deep anxiety followed. The change in the city's life that the long struggle brought was a drastic one. Recruiting made a heavy drain on its population, which was put at 53,846 by the federal census of 1916. This was a drop of about 25,000 from what it had been three years before."

We hope this story of the early doings will afford you old troopers as much pleasure as it did the writer of these excerpts, Ed.

#### Changes Address and Status

A letter from the Rev. Ball gives his change of address and also some usual interesting news. He now lives at Doddington Vicarage (That's Doddington, not Doddering. Mind you!) Sittingbourne, Kent, England. However, here is what he says: "I have been made a Canon lately by the Archbishop, and had the privilege of being installed in the Cathedral (Canterbury) by the Dean with the Archbishop attending the ceremony. I was sorry to read of Arthur Robinson's death. I saw a good deal of him in some of our billets in Belgium and also Peterson of the Transport. This reminds me of Captain Travers—his relatives lived at Ramsgate where I met them in 1928. On the Travers' grave in Ramsgate cemetery they had Oliver Travers name added and the date of his death in Belgium. (The Editor was in charge of the firing party at his funeral off the Poperinghe Road, 1917.) If you run up against Earle Hay do give him my remembrances and tell him how glad I am to read of his son's marriage. I have two daughters, and one was married in 1940. Time passes and we grow old. I wish you could see my new home at Doddington. A nice old vicarage—part of it is fairly old, being built 250 years ago, and the other part was added on about 60 years ago. Large rooms looking on to a tennis court and then across a valley with not a house to be seen anywhere. The church dates from 1115 to 1480." "P.S. My name and initials are absurd for a fellow who is now a Canon." (Canon W. A. R. Ball. Well! a WAR is no good without a CANNON BALL).

#### Historical Ensign Dedication

Last November a ceremony believed to be the first of its kind in Canada took place at Brandon, Manitoba, when an R.C.A.F. ensign was dedicated at a special service in St. Matthew's pro-cathedral.

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Cpl. A. W. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robinson, 14534 Stony Plain Road, who was invested with the Bronze Lion on behalf of the Netherlands government at Calgary by Dr. J. H. van Roijen, Netherlands ambassador. Cpl. Robinson enlisted and went overseas with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Since the war he has been with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Calgary.

### Stop Press News

The following have written in to H.Q. too late to enlarge on the news they sent, but pass along their best wishes for the Christmas and New Year seasons and they hope we all have a bright and prosperous future: W. H. Collins, Tuxford, Sask.; I. W. Anderson, Grandville, Michigan; Geo. Branton, Ryde, Sydney, Australia; A. G. Rowland, Vancouver; H. Magee, 8069 Heather St., Vancouver; G. McD. Scott, Edinburgh, Scotland.

### Likes the Forty-Niner

Thanks a lot for the first copy of our magazine, says Jack Watts, 432503, D company, who has been lost on the highways and byways of the Old Country. He refers to the old days of 1915, and thinks he got lost in the rush of making a living. He still has the photo of Crockett's Horse, and was a member of that famous unit, along with Jerry Maxwell, Stub Foley, A. Bounds, G. Prescott and F. Porritt, only to mention a few. He sends greetings to all old pals.

### Command Officer Promoted

Capt. Jack H. Campbell, of Edmonton, has been promoted to that rank from lieutenant, WAC. H.Q. announced last November. He joined the army in March, 1940, as a Loyal Edmonton Regiment reinforcement officer, but was posted overseas to the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards and served with them in Italy in 1943 and 1944.



J. Chorley

**Elected President Bowling Club**

Jim Chorley, A company, 49th, was elected president of the Royal Lawn Bowling Club, at their annual meeting held last October. Bert Giles, D company, 49th, was named the treasurer.

**Belgian Gift is "Golden Book"**

A golden book containing the names of all Canadian soldiers buried in the cemetery of Adegem, near Ghent, Belgium, has been placed in the public archives of Canada. Prime Minister Mackenzie King thanked Madame Le Clement de Saint-Marcq from whom he received the book.

**Named President**

C. G. Dominy, 49th, president of the Garneau Tennis Club for the past two years, was elected president of the Garneau Community League at the opening fall meeting last September in their hall.

**Norman L. Lee Wins Golf Title**

Repeating a performance of 1944 Norman Lee, who served with A and D companies, 49th, won the provincial seniors' (Judge Walsh) golf title, and the crown for 1948 once again graces his 62-year-old brow. Norman who plays his golf at the Mayfair bested a field of 50 players last July. His scores of 82 and 86, a total of 168, was two strokes better than his follower-up Jack Mather.

**"Pop" Kempston Dies**

Mr. Kempston, of 27 Sheldon Road, Edmonton, England, passed away July 24 following a lengthy illness. The Kempston residence is one of those houses which always welcomed the troops on leave. He served with the British forces in War I, in Italy and France and was a member of the Home Guard in War II. Sympathy with Mrs. Kempston is expressed on behalf of those she 'mothered' during their sojourn in Blighty.

**Wins Fifty Bucks**

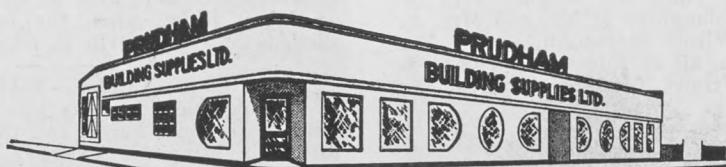
In a "Braking" competition last October, R. C. McPherson, 7425 Saskatchewan Drive, who served with B company, 49th and the chaplain service War I, won \$50.00 It is no good trying a 'touch' as it has all been liquidated long ago.

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## WEDDINGS

### McCormack—Royce

The wedding took place September 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of the Rev. Edgar Bailey of Arthur McCormack, B company, and Elruna Royce. Best man was Bob Knox, B company. Other Loyal Eddies present were Sandy McLaren, Hugh McCullough, Herb Munro. They are now living at 8759-106A St. Art is employed by the City Police. The Rev. Edgar Bailey was for some time chaplain of the Regiment in Italy.

### Stott—Stewart

The wedding took place at the Highlands United Church Thursday, November 18, of Miss Jessie Walker Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander D. Stewart of Edmonton and Mr. Jack Ronald Stott, son of Mrs. Jack Stott and the late Mr. Stott of Edmonton. Rev. T. R. Davies, chaplain of the L.E.R. Reserve Bn. performed the ceremony at 5:00 p.m. The bride was given away by her father, who served in B company, 49th. The groom's sister, Mrs. Edgar Baker, was matron of honor. Miss Joyce Hollands, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid. Best man was Mr. Brian A. Bean. Mr. G. G. Hollands, uncle of the bride, CSM C company, 49th, proposed the bridal toast.

### Wall—Hall

A picture appeared in a local paper showing Mr. and Mrs. William Clarence Wall immediately after their marriage in Edmonton. They were married in All Saints' Cathedral. Mrs. Wall, the former Miss Margaret Elizabeth Hall, is the daughter of Mr. C. J. Hall and the late Mrs. Hall of Edmonton. Mr. Wall is the son of Mrs. C. E. Wall and the late Mr. Wall, also of Edmonton. Charley Hall served in D company of the 49th.

### Balfour—Howard

The wedding of Norma Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis D. Howard, and James David, son of Col. and Mrs. H. E. Balfour took place at St. Stephen's College Chapel last August 14. The bride is a graduate of the University of Alberta in arts and science. The groom is attending the university and is affiliated with Phi Delta Theta. He served in the R.C.A.F. as a flying officer in the late war.

### Dawe—Summersgill

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Summersgill announced the marriage last July of their daughter, Ruth Evelyn, to Norman Leslie Dawe, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dawe of Vancouver. The wedding took place in St. Andrew's United Church, Vancouver, July 24, 1948. The bride is a sister of Major Summersgill of the 1st Bn.

### Stevenson—Strabel

The wedding took place last August 27th of Evelyn Stella, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Strabel, to Douglas Wilson Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stevenson, all of Edmonton. The wedding took place in Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. Oswald officiating.

### McKinney—Nelson

The wedding took place last August 30 at All Saints' Cathedral of Ileene Edith Alice Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson of Clyde, and Mr. Clarence McKinney, son of Mr. M. McKinney and the late Mrs. McKinney of Edmonton. They are residing in Vancouver.

### Parnham—Campbell

Last September Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell announced the marriage of their youngest daughter, Agnes Elizabeth Brown (Betty) Campbell to Douglas Parnham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Parnham. The wedding took place September 18 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. Parnham senior served in 1st Bn.

### Marshall—Petrie

Major and Mrs. D. A. Petrie announced the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen Carter, to Alexander Marshall, son of Mrs. J. Marshall of Edmonton. Rev. C. A. Larue performed the ceremony, which took place last October 2nd at 2 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents. Major Petrie served in both wars.

### Parsons—Williams

The wedding took place in the parlor of McDougall United Church Thursday, October 14, of June Louise Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams and Ralph Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Parsons. Sid served in C company, 49th, and the bride's father in the 1st Bn. L.E.R. The couple reside in Edmonton.

### Smee—Pike

In a local paper last September 11 was a picture of Mrs. Donald Smee signing the marriage register after her wedding at Knox United Church. She is the former Dorothy Vivian Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pike of Edmonton. Her husband is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Smee of Vancouver. They are making their home in Edmonton. Particulars of Freddy Smee, senior, who served in C company appear in the Wandering Boy columns this issue.

### Hale—Robb

The wedding took place Friday, October 22nd, of Lillian Elizabeth (Bunny) Robb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robb, who became the bride of Thomas Emberly Hale, son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. R. W. Hale, all of Edmonton. Bridesmaid was Miss Jane Ramsey. Stephen Wood was best man. The groom is the son of our Walter who served in D company in World War I, and the bride is a close relation of Tommy Robb who served in B company. They are making their home in Edmonton.

### Wallace—Clark

A wedding of interest to 49ers took place last summer in Montreal when Dr. and Mrs. James Wallace were married. The bride is the former Velma Lorraine Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clark, St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Wallace is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Wallace, Wainwright. Dr. Wallace's father served as the 49th medical officer at the time of the Vimy doings and was wounded the same time as the late Major Weaver on Vimy Ridge when the battalion was heavily shelled their first trip in after the main show.

### Lilley—Taylor

Double-ring ceremony was performed in Metropolitan United Church for the wedding last Fall of Doris Margaret (Peggy) Taylor and Ronald Reed Lilley. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Taylor and the bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lilley, all of Edmonton. Lilley senior served in A company 49th and his other son, C. W., served in the Loyals (Imperial) and the 1st Bn. L.E.R.

# DO YOU REMEMBER?

Ralph King, B Company, P.O. Box 373,  
LadySmith, B.C.

It is now a month since I arrived home from my trip to Edmonton. Have just about caught up with my reading, which piled up on me for the five weeks I was absent, also correspondence. And one is able once more to get busy in the grounds and garden, to prepare for the growing season which is just about upon us. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the old home town, it did me a lot of good indeed to meet old friends, one has to be away for a time to really appreciate the greetings extended one on his return. There were so many friends that I was unable to see, but on so short a visit it is utterly impossible to do everything that one would like to do. The annual banquet was well worth the effort and time expended to be present, and candidly I felt this 1948 get-together was the tops in my experience, at least, the feeling running through the gang seemed to be different than in the past, this time of asking there was more of the gladsome and wholehearted sincerity, the boys assuredly meant it whenever a wish or greeting was given. I should like very much to attend once more the annual church parade, especially so since the picnic arrangement has been added. It must be a lot of fun at a picnic. Oh, well, one never knows, I may have the luck to be at one of them some fine day.

Well, Norman, as per the promise made you with regard to the Vimy Ridge account and the correct name of the officer, etc. herewith a few lines: In perusing the article about the Vimy Ridge attack, by that 'grand old man, Phil Bellsham' in "Do You Remember," January, 1948, issue of the magazine, I noticed where he mentioned the 6 platoon lieutenant being wounded and the name given 'Merai.' This should be Mercer, who came to the battalion from the 151. (Incidentally, in civil life, he owned the Irish Linen Store located on Jasper Avenue at that date.) He died of the wound he received that day.

Reading the write-up of the Vimy scrap brings back old memories and further facts about Mr. Mercer, which may be of interest. He was a man one was proud to call a friend, he treated his men as human beings, was exceptionally kind and considerate. All his parcels from home he gave to his platoon.

While the battalion was at rest at Bruay training for the Vimy show, the 3rd divisional headquarters hatched out an idea of a competition confined to the division to provide a winner in bayonet fighting. A team from each regiment was entered, consisting of a sergeant, a corporal and eighteen buck privates. I believe that Downey was the sergeant, Belanger of 5 platoon, corporal, Lasky and I represented 6 platoon, the other names I fail to bring to mind at present. In command of the whole was the aforementioned Lt. Mercer. We trained most rigorously and faithfully every day for this event. The fateful day at long last arrived and the 49th contingent proceeded to the grounds, about seven kilometres away, where the tournament was to be held. On arrival we found that it was the same spot where the 52 battalion did its daily parading and drilling.

It was the usual bayonet fighting stuff that one received on a course at the divisional schools,

trenches, dummies, entanglements, rings and so forth. However, the final tabulation showed that the 49ers had captured the championship, nosing out the 52nd battalion by just a single point. Lieut. Mercer was a proud man that day and we were all tickled that his efforts to make championship material out of us had come to a successful conclusion. The divisional prize handed to us was ten francs apiece and Mr. Mercer personally added the same amount.

There was none better in this world either than that same old Phil Bellsham. He acted like a father to the boys in "six" and tendered sound advice when he thought it was needed. Phil also mentions Lieut. Van Patten, another hundred per center. He was also killed soon afterward. I saw him that Monday afternoon on one end of a stretcher, helping pack out the wounded to the advance dressing station in the tunnels. He did not think it was beneath his position and dignity to help get a buck private to the station to be attended to. And believe me, I also had some of that stretcher stuff later on that same day and I can assure you that it was far from a picnic in that deep mud and slime. It was for such breed of officers as these the old saying "glad and willing to go clear to the other end of hell and back" pertained to.

There are lots of things I could mention, but I think this is enough for the time being. You must excuse the very poor spacing of this letter, it is the fault of the machine, a new portable at that, and not being any excuse for being out the night before, which I wasn't. It would have been far better for me to have gone the whole hog and purchased a standard machine. Well, so long for the present.

## D COMPANY

YES, DO YOU REMEMBER when the Battalion was out in reserve trenches at Pylones on the Vimy Front years and years ago, at the time when O.C. "D" company was able, by some miraculous strategy, to save up a whole gallon of that delectable beverage known by the sobriquet of Essardee? Do you remember what happened on that momentous occasion? Och, an' 'tis a sad story but let me just relate it in the hope that it may recapture some of those unrecorded incidents of those far off days.

It needs little imagination on the part of the reader to realize with what meticulous care this priceless jewel had to be guarded and cared for, especially so when the time came for the troops to move back to Bruay—Bruay, yes, what memories the mention of that word conjures up in our minds, how thoughts are spurred to bridge the span of years and we remember many who are not with us now!—however, under a special guard of two picked men and true, this precious cargo arrived safely with the seals unbroken and was carefully deposited in "D" Company's Officers' Mess at No. 17 Rue "De Something" for safekeeping.

The days of rest passed pleasantly and uneventful as was the custom at Bruay until the last afternoon, when it seemed everyone was asking the question, "Where is 'D' Company's Officers' Mess?" in consequence of which, a steady stream of troops—mostly old-timers—was observed entering the front door of No. 17, but not one of

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whom was seen to return, a more favorable exit being possible in the rear.

The reason for this unnatural fraternizing in Officers' Billets became known later on when Major Winser, through the goodness of his big heart, decided to give the troops an extra ration preparatory to returning up the line that night. Imagine old soldier if you can, the consternation, yes, the profound grief, all ranks experienced as they formed up outside the Billet when the Major, carefully breaking the candle-wax seals, discovered the jar contained nothing but water but with a strong aroma of something far more potent!

An emergency Company Orderly Room was hastily convened when it was learned that the Mess-Cook—true to the traditions of that important branch of the service—had been celebrating well, but not wisely, in entertaining his friends. The verdict brought down found Private Chef guilty of an unpardonable crime and he was immediately demoted and returned to the Company for duty with the "P.B.I."

That night, no doubt, he spent on the firing step, gazing out into No Man's Land, contemplating whether the Sergeant would ever bring round his ration of S.R.D.—perhaps?

(I trust the wee Chef is still going strong and should he happen to read this little episode, may he pardon the writer for divulging this story of "Other Times, Other Places."—A.G.R.)

### H.Q. and Scouts

Lionel S. Walker, (See particulars in W.B. column) relates he was Musketry Instructor at Bramshott up to the time of going to France in April 1917. With six others, including Beete, Lunn, Neal, Hatfield, he was sent to a British depot as sharpshooters. The sergeant-major at the depot did not consider we were handsome enough, and the next morning we were on our way back to the Canadians. Pete Lunn and myself were attached to 49th H.Q. coy., "T" section, under Lt. Harry Nolan.

One of the most interesting days of my experience was on August 8, with Captain (diamond formation) Tipton, about 10 scouts were attempting to keep in touch with the Hun; at Cerf Wood we found him all right. In a very short time he reduced the detail to three. Sgt. McCormick, Bobby Henderson, Spence, Bill Turner and Pat Cunningham were put out of action. We could not make out why the rearguard action of the Hun was so fierce, until we went into the sunken road, and found a couple of guns they were trying to save. After marking the guns for the 49th, we saw the cavalry sweep into action, and the rest of the day all we needed was a bicycle.

### Forty-Niner Helps with Fond Memories

Mrs. F. L. Chandler, 4 Bellamy Blk., Edmonton, thanks the association for the 49er, says her boy L/Cpl. George Chandler was killed on May 23, 1944, and that seemed to end it all for her; but now she clings to memories and she says that is where the Forty-Niner comes in doing a great work in helping to keep those memories alive. The radio broadcast in the January, 1948 issue mentioned her son's name, and she recalled the Sunday morning so well, when Bill Cromb broadcast for the battalion in England. Mrs. Chandler's name has already been placed on our courtesy list.

**WALTER HUNTER RETIRED**

**Interesting Military Career Closes—Served With Distinction in Two Wars**

J. Walter Hunter, 432173, enlisted in the 49th January 4th, 1915, at the age of 24, and was posted to 6 platoon, B company. He was wounded and suffered sickness in the First World War. Decorated with M.M., E.D., O.S.S. (Russian). Discharged Oct. 3rd, 1919. A synopsis of his 33 years military service, of which 10 were active follows: Enlisted Jan. 4th, 1915; promoted L/Cpl, Edmonton Exhibition Grounds, 1915; Cpl. Shorncliffe, Eng., June, 1915; L/Sgt. Battalion Bombers Platoon, Nov. 1915; Sgt. rank confirmed Bn. Bomber Sgt. March, 1916; Cadet, March 17, 1917. Sent to Bexhill O.T.C.; Lieut. qualified, May, 1917. Reported to 9th and 21st Reserve. Appointed Bombing Officer. Captain, Posted to War Office. Seconded for duty North Russian Expeditionary Force, Sept., 1918. Served in Finland, Lapland, Karel, North Russia, France, England and Canada. Jan. 10, 1940, reported for duty, Depot Edmonton Regiment, Prince of Wales Armoury, Edmonton as Captain and Quartermaster; June 6, 1940, transferred to South Albert Regt. as Captain and Quartermaster. Served at Nanaimo, B.C., Niagara Falls, Ontario, Debert, N.S.; August 15, 1942, embarked for overseas with S.A.R.'s. Arrived England, Sept. 3, 1942; Sept. 3rd, 1943, took Staff Course Civil Affairs Staff Centre, Wimbledon, London, England. Qualified Staff Officer, Grade 2; Nov., 1943, appointed Liaison Officer, H.Q. Canadian Armored Corps, England; Feb., 1944, 17th Can. General Hospital, England; May 30th, 1944, discharged, M.D. 13, medically unfit.

Walter retired from the Edmonton Civil Service about one year ago and is now taking things easy at 726 Buena Vista, White Rock, Hill Top, B.C. One of the last jobs he did on our executive was to arrange our banquet tickets so that the dues could be collected without bothering the members during the dinner. This had been mooted for a long time and its success in relieving the men, whose job it was to garner in the shekels, of a very difficult task was outstanding. Whatever task Walter had to do was done in a very efficient manner, and it is our sincere hope he lives a long time to enjoy his retirement, if he can settle down to taking things easy.

**Wins Canadian Entry**

After many days of heart-burning struggle Kenneth Darling managed to gain the right to join his fiance in Edmonton after a stiff battle with immigration authorities over his medical history findings. He had jumped ship in New York, from his berth on the "Queen Mary" and then given himself up at Emerson, Manitoba, where he was held until his later release which enabled him to join his fiance, Miss Eileen Newnham, a close relation of Newnham, M.M. of the 49th.

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Before and during the First Great War, the 19th Alberta Dragoons trained at Victoria Armouries. The unit continued to use the premises for militia training after that war. About 1930 the Edmonton Fusiliers took over the building for training. During the Second Great War, active force training took place in the armouries.

Since the second war, the 19th Armoured Car Regiment used the building for parades until the unit moved to the Connaught Armouries on the South Side. The 19th Armored Car is the perpetuating unit for both the Dragoons and the Fusiliers.

To all those who enlisted in the first few days of the 49ths, had the use of the armouries as a recruiting depot, the photo will bring back nostalgic memories of their early days soldiering when the intricacies of forming fours, squad and what-have-

you went on apace. Until we all went to the 'dogs' became 'horsey' or got 'fowl' notions at the Exhibition grounds in those far-off days of our youthful enthusiasm.

Hornby's letter, written last August, relates his thoughts of those early days:

Frank C. Hornby, 432132, 4211 Alla Road, Venice, California, writes a letter of interest in acknowledging receipt of the Forty-Niner.

"It is good to be able to say that I am not only still in the ring, but am enjoying life to the full, from HILL 71. I am convinced that one's years after the allotted three score and ten, may be the happiest, for the wider vision and greater experience enable us to disregard those things which seem to worry the younger generation.

"I take great interest in looking for those whose Reg. No. begins with 432, knowing full well what that signifies. They seem to be getting fewer, but I still find some. I well remember the day when I got that number. I had been waiting outside the old Armoury for the first day of enlistment opening. I was interviewed by Capt. Bidwell and examined by Dr. Harris, and never have regretted it. At that time I had a wife and three children, since then my wife has passed on, but my children are still around me, and all married, I am living with my youngest daughter. I still have relatives in Edmonton. Mrs. Walter Stanley is my youngest sister, you may perhaps know Walter, he worked in the Post Office for many years, and a sister at Wetaskiwin, Mrs. Barney Barnett. Barney was in the law courts for a long time."

In concluding, Frank appreciates the fact we are still 'sawing wood,' and sent along a valuable contribution to the funds notwithstanding his dues were paid up. Thanks, Frank!

**Hurman Family Serves Empire**

W. H. Hurman, Sergeant in D company, 49th, who transferred to the naval arm in the First War, and lives at 70 Bridge Rd., Weston Super Mare, Somerset, England, is still in the land of the living and sends best wishes to all. Hurman tells of the sterling services given by his family in the last war. "Now a word about ourselves and how we fared during the war. I had four boys go and four came back. The eldest was in Tobruk with the Aussies during the siege; then to Burma for the remainder with Wingates. Finished up as a Major. The second was in the Marines. In the Battle of Britain he was Battery Corporal at Hawkinge Drome, less than two miles from St. Martin's Plain where we were in 1915. Then on to Crete. He was a prisoner in Germany for 4 years. He is now O.K. and working with me. The third was 4 years in Chatham Tec School. Went over after D-Day and is still in Germany. The fourth went in the Fleet Air Arm and got injured going across the Atlantic in an American Flat Top and was invalided out. He is now at Southampton University on an 18 months engineering course. No armchair for any of them, but we have a lot to be thankful for. Hurman says, the food situation is still grim but I guess we shall weather it like we have before." That is a tidy record Hurman and all your old friends will be pleased to hear of your family's doings.

**Brothers Meet After Forty Years**

Despite a 40-year separation, Robert Cameron of New York City and his brother, Charles R. Cameron, 11444-97 St., recognized each other immediately when they met at Edmonton's C.N.R. station last July. They last saw each other in 1908 in Scotland, when Robert left home. The New Yorker accompanied by his wife spent several weeks with his brother Charley, who served in B company 49th.

**Alan Macdonald Given Office**

Alan Macdonald was named acting president of the Edmonton Liberal Association last August. J. Ken Rootes, regularly elected president, is a patient in the Mewburn Hospital.

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## Annual General Meeting

**"Jeff" Re-Elected to Arduous Task of President—Business Runs Smoothly—Presentation To Be Made To Neville at Dinner in January**

Sunday, 14th November, 1948, saw many wives at the gruesome hour of 1430 (2:30 p.m. for those who don't remember) hours, helping hubbies don coats, hats, etc., in order to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association. A conservative estimate would place the number in attendance at 200. The meeting got under way, with President Jeff Jefferson in the chair. Acting Secretary A. J. (Bert) Hidson) read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were duly proposed, and seconded.

Jack Madore, having completed a very strenuous year of bookkeeping for the Association gave a very comprehensive report of the expenditures, and receipts for the year, which had been duly audited by none other than Kenny Kinnaird (Lt. Col.) ex, but still stronger 49er. Many thanks Jack and Kenny for a thankless task well and ably done. J. W. Williams, chairman of the Last Post Committee reported that his duties had increased considerably during the year, and he regretfully reported the passing of the following good men, strong and true, Arthur Harvey, Matthew McCauley, Herbert Newton McConnell, Capt. Arthur Robinson, James Laing, Earl Alvin Cunningham, George Quinlan, Joe Coward, Albert Clapham, John Dallamore, and Harry Stonehewer. Thank you Messrs. Cook, Lewis, Arnold, Nichol, Duncan, Bergman, Daley, Henderson, Ramshaw, and Riley for acting as pall bearers at these sad but necessary occasions. Ed. Tannous reported on behalf of the sick committee, and stated that all former 49ers 14-18, or 39-46 were being visited regularly. Nor-

man Arnold, Editor of the magazine, reported on sales, costs, and above all the fact that the magazine was subject to excise tax—a bad state of affairs, in fact bordering on a S.N.A.F.U. (14-18 members this might be comparable to the order "Great coats will be worn, won't be worn, or should they be worn," all in the same breath, so what did you do? Probably the same as we youngsters, simply said: "Situation normal, all, F-ouled up," hence the expression S.N.A.F.U.), and with this in mind Ernie Wilson, made the following Resolution:

"Whereas the policy of the Department of National Revenue in taxing the 49er and other similar regimental association magazines is detrimental to the work carried on by these non-profit organizations.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** representations be made to the Federal Government that publications such as the 49er be exempted from payment of excise tax. Having made the resolution, the secretary was requested to forward the resolution to Hon. James MacKinnon, Minister of Mines and Resources. Damn good resolution if ever there was one. After much pro and con, it was decided, that the best possible method to obtain a working slate of officers for the coming year, was to appoint a nominating committee to present a slate to the meeting, and the committee named included Neville Jones, H. Smith, J. E. Williams, G. Duncan, F. Gail, and Mr. McCormack, and the slate proposed by the committee consisted of the following, who were duly elected by unanimous vote:

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Jefferson; Secretary, A. J. Bert Hidson; 1st Vice-Pres., E. B. Wilson; 2nd Vice-Pres., W. G. Stillman; Treasurer, J. Madore; Editor, N. Arnold; Co-Editor, H. M. "Bob" Turner; Asst. Editor, "Ted" Horton.

Executive: N. H. Jones, J. Blewett, O. Muckleston, F. Pinnel, J. W. H. Williams, J. Foote, E. P. Tannous, A. McCormack, E. W. Day, G. Duncan.

The re-elected President expressed his appreciation in being re-elected for another term of office, but at the same time expressed the opinion that he was not totally in agreement with having the same president two years in a row as unless the executive were changed frequently there was a tendency for the affairs of the Association to lag. The notice of motion appearing in the recent issue of the 49er, as proposed by F. E. J. Hancock was discussed to much length, and on being put to vote was defeated. The Secretary came forth with a very noble suggestion, to the effect that, for years of faithful, and untiring service, that the Association should consider rewarding in a small way Neville Jones, by presenting him with a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) bond. This was put in form of a motion and duly seconded, and passed unanimously. The presentation will take place at the dinner on January 8th.

Col. Stillman put forth a very sound idea, by stating that no longer should there be any line of demarkation between the boys of 1914-18, and those of 1939-45, as in truth the second war was only a continuation of the first, and from now on we are one and the same irrespective of wars. Which brings a thought to mind, and although it was not put forth at the meeting, it certainly was being thought, and therefore might justly be considered part of the minutes—this thought is in reply to a statement made by one of the early original 49ers during the meeting where he stressed to some length the necessity of the old boys turning over control of the Association to the most recent 49ers, as the originals represented the past. We feel quite safe in saying that if the control were turned over completely to the recent boys, that the efficient control now existant through the availability of more matured, settled, and established 14-18 boys, the Association would suffer a very severe set back.

Back to the regular minutes. Paul Runyon came up with a sound motion, which is hoped will establish a precedent in the years to come, by moving that arrangements be made to have a dance during the summer months for members, their wives, and/

or sweethearts. H. Smith was very prompt in seconding the motion and the vote was unanimous—so keep it in mind men, a dance this coming summer, and it may be one of many get-togethers.

Mrs. E. Kempston, 27 Sheldon Road, Edmonton, London, England, in recognition of her happy hospitality to the Regiment, and other Canadians during the war, will receive this Xmas a hamper, through a motion made by Bill Stillman, which was seconded by Norman Arnold. Many, many thanks Mrs. Kempston, and we all join in wishing you a Happy and Joyful New Year.

For many free services rendered to the Association during the last year, votes of thanks were extended to the Canadian Legion for the use of the Memorial Hall wherein meetings were held, to the press and radio, and to the firm of Kinnaird, Aylen & Co., in auditing the Association's books. Presidents of the Association will now receive a gold 49er lapel button, and "Jeff" is now wearing his proudly to say the least. Barney Morrison made the presentation. It was drawn to the attention of all present, by Norman Cook, that our stalwart secretary of 25 consecutive years, due to a physical infirmity was confined to his home, and it is the sincere wish of the Association that he makes a speedy recovery. So endeth the Annual General Meeting, and once again many thanks to the outgoing executive for work well done, and may the new Executive do a comparable job.

—Bob Turner.

#### Win Championships

In the Alberta Women's golf championship held in Calgary last July Jean Robbie of the Edmonton Highlands club won the championship consolation event defeating Mrs. E. V. Rose of Calgary on the 18th. Jean is the daughter of John Robbie who served in the band and B company, 49th. Another Edmontonian, Mrs. John Michaels of the Mayfair Club, took top honors in the first-flight silver division, defeating Mrs. Ruby Adams of Calgary 5 and 4. Mrs. Michaels is the wife of our energetic Honorary President Mike.

#### Library Anniversary

In a news item regarding the 25th anniversary of the Edmonton Public Library Main Branch, appeared the names of the library board at the time of its opening, among these were J. W. H. Williams, A company, 49th, a member of our executive.

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**MEDICINE HAT**

A letter from Al Baker, once C.S.M. of C company whose regimental number was M11108, brings to mind a lot of memories of fellows who served with the Regiment in Sicily and Italy.

The former C.S.M. now lives at 455 10th Street, Medicine Hat, and asks for information on joining the association and wants to get the magazine from now on. He confesses he has been borrowing the old copy of the magazine from Lieut. Simmonds who, he thinks was once with C company.

Freeman Lewis, "our old ration sergeant during action" lives in the "Hat." Freeman, he reports as might be expected "still gets a kick out of life." We should hope so!

Others living in the same town are Fred Toulson and Harry Cave.

Bill Patterson once a D company Sgt. lives in the pottery town of Redcliffe not far from the Hat, Al reports.

Al must have been busy with pen and ink, since he reports he has also heard from Capt. McGregor, who also served in C Company. The captain, he says, is still in the army and at the time the letter was written was in the school of infantry at Camp Borden, Ont. (Poor fellow.)

Major Hal Tucker, one-time commander of C Company, now lives at 1120 Colony Street in Saskatoon and Al says he hears from him quite often.

"Daisy" Lambert, whose name should really appear with the Vancouverites in this issue of the mag. is living at 361 Pembina St., New Westminster, while Pte. Alexander is also at the coast at Burnaby.

He has been in touch also with L/Cpl. Heath now living at High Prairie.

Estevan, Saskatchewan, seems to be the home address of other old 49ers including the former C.S.M. Murray, who later became an R.S.M. Pte Kauffman and a couple of other old pals from C Company also live at Estevan.

He asks if the writer is related to Cpl. Earl Horton—No . . . But this is "hello" to Earl from Al Baker anyway.

For himself Baker reports he was with the Regiment for all of its battles after Sicily. He came to the regiment in August '43.

He echoes the sentiments of us all when he says, "I have always been proud of the regiment and still am."

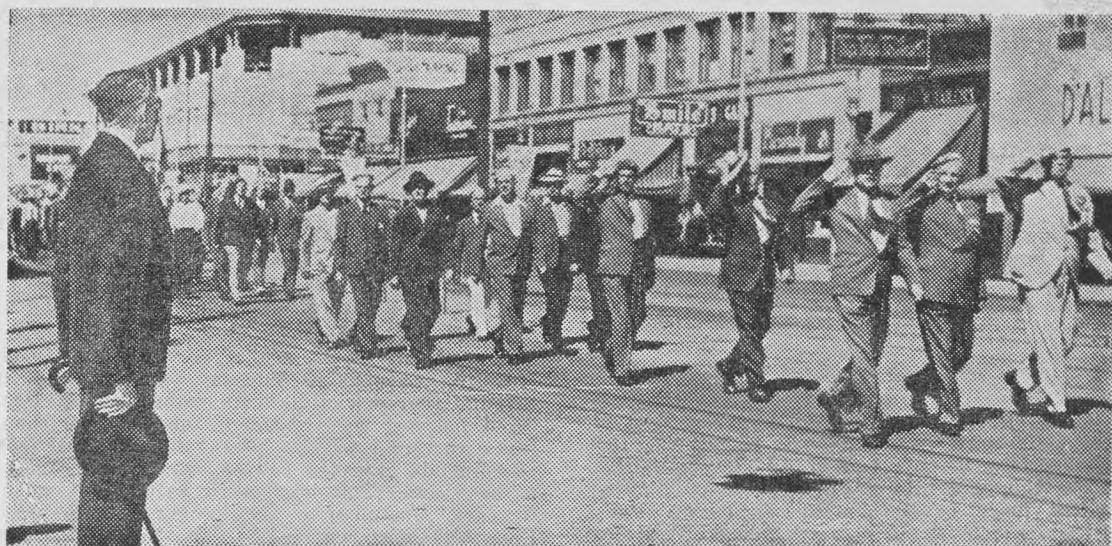
**Prizes for Veterans' Homes**

Col. Louis Scott, district supervisor of small holdings in Alberta, said last September, a total of \$1,870 is available in prizes to Alberta ex-servicemen living on Veteran Land Act small holding settlements in the province. Judges are viewing small holdings now and will look at them again in the spring. By the fall of 1949 they will be in a position to make a decision.

**General Pershing Dies**

Gen. John J. (Black Jack) Pershing, who led American troops in the First Great War, died Thursday, July 15, at the age of 87. Born Sept. 13, 1860, Pershing graduated from West Point Military Academy when he was 26. He had held several important military appointments until in 1917, he was given the command of the American Expeditionary Force. Pershing took personal command of the American troops sent to France in the First Great War. He became chief of staff in 1921. Three years later, at the age of 64, he retired.

## CHURCH PARADE MARCH PAST



Forty-Niners pay compliments to Lieut.-Governor J. C. Bowen on Annual Parade and Cenotaph Service at 101st Street and Jasper Avenue, last July.

## CHURCH PARADE AND PICNIC

A beautiful day saw the 49th Bn., The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association, parade at the Market Square and march to the Cenotaph where in a simple ceremony of respect to fallen comrades a wreath was deposited by Brig. "Jeff" Jefferson, our president. The colours carried by Andy Black and Louis Alexander and escorted by Morris and White and i/c R. S. Oldham, were dipped as the band played a salute.

The march to and from the Market Square, showed while some of the boys are getting older and slowing up, that the majority can still step out to the strains of "Bonnie Dundee."

Under the command of Brig. Jefferson, the unit looked quite smart when they saluted in compliment to the Lieutenant-Governor at the March-Past at 101st Street and Jasper Avenue.

Returning to the Market Square, the colours were marched off and the Forty-Niner distributed to those on parade. The parade then dismissed and by cars and busses were transported to Camp Harris, Winterburn.

At the grounds there were estimated 500 members, families and friends, who took part in the Drumhead Church Services, presided over by Honorary Captain T. R. Danes, M.C., Reserve Battalion Chaplain, and Honorary Major E. G. Bailey, who was Regimental Chaplain during the Italian campaign of the Second World War. Another overseas chaplain, Rev. Father McLellan, of the Sicilian campaign took a benevolent interest in the service and the general proceedings.

Captain Davies, in his address, urged that Canada maintain the interest in foreign affairs, which she had earned by the sacrifice of her sons in foreign lands.

Ties formed in other lands by ex-servicemen have been deepened and strengthened by memories of their fallen comrades, he maintained.

He pointed out that the reflection of this duty can be seen in the expansion of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs to more than six times its former size.

The prayers and the scriptures were said by the Rev. E. G. Bailey, who reminded us of our duty to God and the sacrifices of our fallen, and to keep on towards that goal of all right-minded peoples, "Peace."

Following church services, sports events for children and veterans were held, and passed off in a rapid succession of fun and gaiety.

Prizes were awarded for the family with the youngest daughter, six-week-old offspring of Sergeant Major and Mrs. George Grimes; the youngest boy, two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lefevre, and the largest family, seven children of Mrs. and Mrs. W. Craig. By this last token we see that our regiment is building up its reserves in whole sections. Good luck, Bill!

Working like trojans to satisfy the appetites of those present was Mike and his voluntary fatigue party, consisting of Alf Gould, Jim Foote, McMasters, Munro, Bill Miller and wife, Alec Stewart, Dennis Newman, Churchill. So successful were they that in the end the youngest were refusing to take Revels and hot dogs. Drinks of pop, milk, coffee and lemonade was gotten rid of as fast as the servers could ladle them out.

In the "dispensary" where the fluid Doc ordered was flowing, Muckleston and his very voluntary fatigue party gave a great performance. Andy Black, Percy Reilly and Taffy White, were sweating it out under the eager orders of the thirsty ones.

# Last Post



In ever living memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 49th Battalion, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, who were killed in action, or died of wounds received in Belgium and France during 1914 to 1918, also those in the Mediterranean area and Europe areas 1939-1945; and to those who have since passed on, mainly due to the ravages of war service.

"These men were victorious in death."

### Earl Alvin Cunningham

Funeral services were held last May 6, for Mr. Earl Alvin Cunningham of Leduc, Alberta. The Rev. Edgar J. Bailey officiated and interment took place in Beechmount cemetery. Pall-bearers were all 49th men, Jones, J. F. Wallace, Don McDonald, Jim Foote, C. A. Pritchard and Stan Melton. He leaves to mourn his loss, his parents, two brothers, six sisters. Earl, 25 years old, was killed working at the oilfields, Leduc, when he plunged 65 feet to his death from atop a derrick and his falling body seriously injured a fellow worker, Jack Fenton. Workers who saw the accident said Cunningham had been working atop an 85-foot derrick pulling pipes. He was on his way down and had gone about 20 feet when he slipped and fell. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all his family and friends.

### John Hugh Dallamore

Funeral services for John Hugh Dallamore of 10343 149 St., who passed away September 16th, age 71 years, were held on Monday afternoon, Sept. 13, at Howard and McBride's Chapel. Rev. Elliott and Rev. G. D. Kelly officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery. He is survived by his wife and one son, Ritchie, of Vancouver, B.C., two daughters, Mrs. Charles Allard of Montreal and Miss Lucy Dallamore of Edmonton. Dallamore served in A company of the 49th and was also prominent in the perpetuating battalion.

### Harry Stonehewer

The funeral of Harry Stonehewer, age 56, of 10039 106 Street, who died on Tuesday, Sept. 28, was held on Thursday, Sept. 30, from All Saints Cathedral. The Very Rev. A. M. Trendall officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss one brother, James, Hamilton, Ont., one sister, Mrs. Ada H. Neville of Triscoe, England. Harry's passing after a sudden illness was a shock to all of his friends of whom he had many, he having been prominent in choral and association circles. He had held executive office in our association for some years and was an executive member at the time of his passing. Enlisting in the 51st on their mobilization he came to the 49th at Shorncliffe and proceeded overseas with D company. He was awarded the Military Medal for his staunch services with the battalion.

### D. B. Collins

We have had mail addressed to Collins returned marked 'Deceased,' we have no further particulars but presume he passed away early this year. From our meagre records Collins served in C company, 12 platoon, Number 808188.

### Richard Swift

Mail was returned addressed to Richard Swift marked "Deceased." Swift's number was No. 898319. We have no further record of Swift's service. Swift lived at Calgary, Alta.

### Sam Allen

Sam Allen, Cochrane, Alta. Mail was returned marked "Deceased." No further information as to platoon or company is available on Allen.

### Adrian Schug

EYE HILL—Word of the death of Adrian Schug, which took place at St. Joseph's Hospital, Macklin, Sask., on Tuesday, October 26, ran through the district like an electric shock. He entered hospital for treatment for what he thought was a case of tonsilitis. No trouble was anticipated. His friends expected to see him around again in a short time. This hope as it turned out was unfounded. Pneumonia with complications set in. Funeral service was held in St. Norbert's Church, Rosenheim on Saturday, October 30. Requiem Mass was held by Father Malone, of Leduc. Father Malone, a highly regarded former priest of the parish and during the war a chaplain with the forces overseas, met Adrian as well as other local soldiers in the battle area. A guard of honor from the local legion did honor at the church and the graveside. Adrian Schug was born on the family farm nine miles south of Provost 30 years ago last August 31st. In May 1942, he enlisted for overseas service and in July of the same year sailed for Europe. With the Edmonton Regiment he served in the Mediterranean area, Italy, France and Germany. He returned with his regiment after the war was over and received his discharge after three years and some months service, in November, 1945. The above was given in by Bob Turner and was contributed to the local paper, name not known, by A. C. Muir.

### Edward Robert Figg

Funeral services for Mr. Edward Figg of 11826 94 St., were held in Edmonton on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Rev. A. M. Trendall officiated and interment was in the Beechmount cemetery. Two sons served in the 49th, Albert E. Edmonton and Ernest A., Victoria.

### Alexander Hugh Hogg

Funeral services for Alexander Hugh Hogg, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hogg of 7925 73 Ave., who passed away on August 23rd, were held in Edmonton on Thursday, August 26. Rev. William Elkin officiated, and interment took place in the Mount Pleasant cemetery. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Oldham.

### Mrs. Sophie Myers

Funeral services were held in Edmonton Thursday, September 23, for Mrs. Sophie Myers, wife of James H. Myers, who served in D and Support Companies of the 1st Bn. Rev. D. N. Buntain officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her loving husband; one son, James Brian, and one daughter, Margaret Deanne.

**Peter Kmech**

On July 18th, 1948, Mr. Peter Kmech of Fraint, Alta., passed away at the age of 35 years. We believe Peter is the brother of S. Kmech of Edmonton, who served in the 1st Bn.

**Mrs. Kathleen Rootes**

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Kathleen Rootes of 9711 106 Street, who passed away at the age of 30 years, were held Thursday morning, August 5, at 9:45, from Connelly-McKinley's funeral home to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where services were held. Rev. J. A. MacLellan officiated and remains were forwarded to England for interment in the family plot in Rishton-Blackburn cemetery. She is survived by her loving husband Kenneth, her mother, Mrs. Hilda McNally of Rishton, Blackburn, England. Kenneth was undergoing treatment for wounds received in the Italian campaign at the time his wife was under treatment for an ailment from which she succumbed. Being in different hospitals they had not seen each other for three months.

**Mrs. Eliza Ellen Elliott**

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 11, at Busby United Church, for Mrs. Eliza Ellen Elliott, beloved wife of William Alexander Elliott, of 11507 66 Street. Rev. T. R. Davies officiated. Besides her husband she leaves two sons and one daughter. One son, Orlanda William (Bill) Elliott served in D company, 49th, and also was on the staff at Camrose during the late war.

**Mrs. Maude Ellen Moroney**

Private funeral services took place on Tuesday, November 2, of Mrs. Maude Ellen Moroney, and interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery, the Rev. D. C. Ramsay officiated. Mrs. W. A. Griesbach is a sister.

**Mrs. Mary Ann Turner**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ann Turner of 7741 View Point Boulevard, Edmonton, widow of John James Turner, who passed away on July 21, were held in Edmonton July 26. The Rev. G. W. Wilson officiated and interment was made in the Edmonton cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss one son, Oliver Ralph King and three daughters. Ralph served in B company and the M.G.'s in the 49th, War I.

**Dieppe Raiders Honored**

Seventy-five Canadian ex-servicemen, many accompanied by their wives, took part in ceremonies at Dieppe, France, last August, to commemorate the raid on the town by Canadian forces Aug. 19, 1942. A message from Prime Minister King read at the ceremonies, described the raid as one of the most audacious exploits of the war. About this time an Editorial in the Manchester Guardian, said the fact there was no withdrawal from Normandy in 1944 "was one debt we owe to Maj.-Gen. J. H. Roberts and the Second Canadian Division" which carried out the Dieppe Reconnaissance in August, 1942. It said there was no need to defend the conduct of the chiefs responsible for the raid.

**IN MEMORIAM**

A memorial to Roman Catholics of the R.C.A.F. who died during the Second World War has been consecrated in Westminster Cathedral in London by Bernard Cardinal Griffin. The memorial, a simple two-tone marble altar, was conceived by Rev. W. McCarthy, senior Roman Catholic Chaplain overseas with the R.C.A.F.

**IN MEMORY**

The following memorial was published in both Edmonton papers on November 10th as a tribute to our fallen of both wars.

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**Bridge Honors Canadians**

Lt.-Col. Raoul de Driant, Belgian defence minister, last September received 19 Canadian officers and men at Brussels who were there to attend the fourth anniversary celebration of the liberation of Bruges in western Flanders. A Canadian memorial bridge at Bruges was opened by Victor Dore, Canadian ambassador to Belgium. The new bridge replaces the one used by the Canadian armored unit when it first entered the town. It has a pair of bronze bison mounted on stone pillars at one end and shields bearing the arms of Canada and Belgium at the other.

**Honor Canadian Dead in France**

Berniers, France, (C.P.)—Five members of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations general assembly, Sunday, October 10, made a pilgrimage to the sandy beaches where members of the Canadian 3rd Division landed June 6, 1944. At nearby Beny-sur-Mer, on a level sweep of ground dotted with crosses, Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier placed a wreath of golden chrysanthemums in tribute to 2,022 fallen Canadians. He placed another wreath on the grave of Lieut. Cameron Grant of the Stormont—Dundas Glengarry Highlanders, a son of one of Chevrier's friends. Later, at Bretteville-sur-Laize, Senator Wishart Robertson placed a wreath in honor of 2,814 Canadians buried there.

**Canadian Vets Organize in U.K.**

Canadian War Veterans met in London last July to establish a London branch of the Canadian Veterans Association of the United Kingdom. The branch, outcome of more than a year's preliminary work, will bring together in one organization nearly 15,000 Canadian former service men.

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## VANCOUVER BRANCH

There's no shortage of 49ers who enjoy the "balmy" Pacific breezes and this does not include those members of the old battalion who have reached years of retirement.

The Vancouver bunch have forwarded a stack of 11 special records of service in the regiment, all of them for veterans of the 1939-45 war and all of them indicating a deep interest in the affairs of the association.

Included in the heading of their special form in Vancouver is a note that the annual banquet is held in the coast city on the first Saturday following Jan. 4th. In most other respects the form is the same as the one filled out by members of the parent group in Edmonton.

But if anyone is visiting the coast city and wants to get in touch with the association, A. G. Rowland is secretary. He lives at 2112 Cornwall, Vancouver. Addresses for all other members included in the 11 sent in are included. With unit esprit-de-corps as strong as the applications indicate, there's no doubt the boys would welcome a call from anyone from this part of Canada who had served with the regiment. There's no need to spend too much time in Vancouver wondering what to do next!

Heading the list is the Vancouver group's 1948 president, H. R. "Duke" Ducommun, who is now a constable on Vancouver's city police force. Duke, at 19 years of age, enlisted in March, '43, on the coast with the number K50851.

He caught up with the regiment in May '44 and bowed out of the services in Nov. '45, after 2 years and 8 months of service. He doesn't explain where he got it, but says he received a GSW in his right arm somewhere along the line. He lives at 2809 West 29th Avenue in Vancouver with wife Phyllis.

John "Scotty" Brunton put his name on the dotted line in February 1940 and became a regimental number, M16948. After 5½ years of it he left his uniform behind early in Sept. '45.

He deserted Alberta however to take up a job in Vancouver as a warehouseman after his discharge. Home address in Vancouver is 1040 East 55th Avenue.

Louis "Donie" Donovan, who served with 6 platoon, H.Q. company, now lives at 709 Dunsmuir Street in Vancouver. He manages a B.A. service station for a living. He joined the army and regiment on Sept. 10, 1939, and stayed right with it for more than six years.

C. F. "Slim" Dudley was a youngster of 18 when he volunteered in March, 1940. He caught up with the regiment in September of the same year in England and went to 7 platoon.

He is janitor for the B.C. Telephone Company and may, as a result, be reached at his home at 556 Thurlow Street by phoning PA 2768.

George H. Gazely was originally a member of the Irish Fusiliers at Vancouver when he signed up on August 8, 1940, but became a member of the Loyal Eddies in Dec. '43, which would be about in time to help clean up Ortona. He became L/Sgt. with the carrier platoon before getting his release.

He has a two-year-old son and lives at 1843 North Street in Vancouver. He is employed as a refrigeration mechanic.

Al Gracie was once an engineer. He joined the 9th Army Troops Coy. in Edmonton very early

after the war broke out, in fact it was on Sept. 3, 1939, so that he has the number M7006. He will be remembered as a sergeant with B company, but he was put out of action in July, 1940, by an attack of spinal meningitis.

Later he was awarded a "mentioned in despatches" and wears that oak leaf along with the usual service ribbons.

His home is at 19 Dieppe Place, Vancouver and he has two sons aged four and one, and a daughter aged two.

George D. (Van Doo) Hamel was with the transport platoon of the regiment from the time he joined up in Sept. '39, until he was sent back to England from Italy early in '44. There he was to serve with the 4th Division under our president, Brigadier Jefferson, but lost out when he went to hospital and was recategorized L2. He stayed in England for another year serving with a pioneer company working with the Ordnance Corps. But he adds, "I was never very happy after I left the Regt. because it was the only regiment to me during the war."

Van Doo now lives at 920 Drake Street, Vancouver.

He has two daughters, one aged 12, and the other two, as well as a son who is 10 years old.

Van Doo was awarded the B.E.M. for his loyal and faithful service.

Steve Henke, M16168, was another original—a '39er in the 49th, having joined the regiment in Sept. '39, with the regimental number M16168. He was wounded in Sicily in July 1943, and was discharged in Nov. 1944.

His home is at 6808 Dumfries, Vancouver. He was blessed in June this year by the arrival of a son—congratulations.

Steve is employed as a chauffeur for D. Spencers Ltd. in the coast city and pleads for anyone visiting the coast city to look him up.

Bert Hillman was an original '39er, whose skill with the typewriter led him into any number of clerical jobs. Right off the bat, when he enlisted he went to the pay office. Later he became company clerk with B company under then Major Jefferson. He moved from there to look after the mail at H.Q. 2 C.I.B., and returned to the regiment to assist our own Corporal Horne with our own mail.

When Horne left the regiment, Bert was moved up to postal corporal and in July '42 suffered the fate of many of the boys when he went to hospital and was struck off strength. In the holding unit at Witley he became orderly room sergeant and there he was stuck until sent back to Canada for his discharge in August 1945.

He is a building serviceman and lives with his son, six years old, and his daughter, five, at 142 East Upper Keith Street, Vancouver.

#### Shirley Higginson in Radio

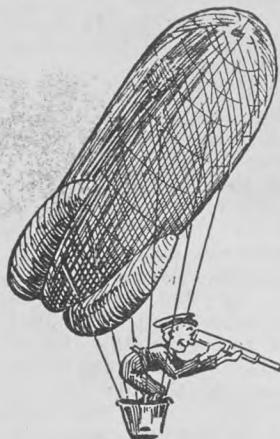
Miss Shirley Higginson, daughter of the late Tommy Higginson of A company, who has had radio experience in Toronto, is training aspiring radio dramatists for the CJCA Radio Theatre station officials announced last October. It is Miss Higginson's first year as dramatic training coach for the radio theatre group. She is a native of Edmonton, but most of her seven years in radio were spent away from the city, a good portion in Toronto. We wish Shirley success in her chosen profession.



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**Fred Smee**, 432813, enlisted in the 49th in January, 1915, at the age of 21. He was posted to 10 platoon, C company. He was wounded during his service. Discharged on February, 1919, with the rank of sergeant, after 4 years and 1 month's service. Occupation, printer. Fred is married and lives at 2455 William St. Vancouver. He has a family of three boys, or should we say men, ages 26, 24, 17.

**Lionel S. Walker**, "Mike," 183929, enlisted in the 89th, Nov. 1915, age 31. He was posted to the 49th in April, 1917, and served with H.Q. and the Scouts. Discharged, March 15, 1919, with 3 years and 5 month's service. Occupation, Linotype operator. Resides at 2825 Cassie Ave., Burnaby, B.C. Married, and has a son and daughter and one stepson. Mike was formerly a member of the Calgary branch. (See, Do You Remember, Ed.)

**Peter Rule** and **Mrs. Peter** were shown in a photo boarding a plane for Blighty where they hoped to have a nice three months' holiday around their old stamping grounds. We hope they have a good time during their visit. And not have too many foggy days for they left here in November.

**A. B. "Sandy" Anderson**, Lieutenant, D. company, 49th, writing to Arnold Taylor encloses dues for magazine, and says, Quote! I remember the night that **Patterson** and I left the old 192 from Calgary to go overseas. Pat and I woke you up in the small hours. However you managed to produce a drink and speed us on our way. Or was it **Monty Hall** that was with me? This place is my own home and I've settled down here, I hope, for the balance of my time. I know I would feel a stranger in the old town; but I still remember Jim and Walker Taylor, Walter Hale, Jim McQueen, Ken Kinnaird, Tim Ramsay, Monty Hall and a few others." Sandy sends the best of luck to all the gang.

**Henry "Harry" Wadlow**, of C company, 49th, is still living at Brownvale, Alta., but is now taking things easy having quit work and rented his farm. He is feeling better these days since retiring. Harry likes the Forty-Niner for its help in keeping touch with the troops.

**Fred Denson**, 436363, B company and the 7th C.T.M. Battery, encloses \$2.00 for the magazine, which he received while in Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver. Fred spent six months of the early part of 1948 in for a serious operation, but had the utmost care and wonderful treatment while there. Not one week passed but he had a visitor from the 49th Branch, Vancouver. The magazine was passed around and got a lot of praise. Wishing all the best, **Frank** hopes the banquet will be a success. I would love to be there to renew old acquaintances, he said.

## Where Is My Wandering Boy?

**Jack Watt**, writing from Victoria, B.C., say he now lives at 533 Cook Street. Meeting **Charley Mathison** he was informed **Charley Travers** had been in hospital but was now recovered. They are in need of an organizer out there to get the branch going once again, as there are a great number of the Old Boys out in that neck of the woods or seashore. It takes one man with the ambition and a bit of spare time. For **Jack's** information **Geordie Spencer's** address is Lac La Biche, Alberta.

**Geoff Pinker** of Box 290, Rawdon, P.Q. would be sorry to miss the Forty-Niner, but his light o' love has to pinch hit for him in sending along the dues money. We thank **Mrs. Pinker** for stoking up our bank account to such good effect, as we were wondering where next month's electric light and fuel money was coming from. Well, it was hardly as bad as that, but we are feeling the high cost of all the essentials for the production of our family magazine.

**Manda McLarin**, 2105 E. 8th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. has taken out a Life membership in the association as she wishes to keep contact with friends she knows and otherwise might lose track of. Her brothers **Ike** and **Bill Nelson** are both well and are living out at the coast. **Manda** wishes our association all success for the future.

**Ben Conger** writes in from Mercoal P.O. to send along his dues and a cheerio to all the boys. According to Ben, **Sandy Blackwood** is the only other 49er there. He had a beer with **Alec Matheson** (B and A Cos.) who is at Cadomin, as are **Jonesy** and the **Ferguson** boys from B.H.Q. He purchased a mercantile business at Mercoal last July, says he expects to do pretty well at it, though it is going to keep him on his toes for a time.

**James Holmes**, Cpl., M15511, C Coy., of 96 Elgin Ave., Maida Hill, London, W9, England, is now a bus driver so has little time to get around to the Can. Ex-Servicemen's Club. It was a pleasure to him to receive the magazines and revive some pleasant memories. He has met a few of the boys he knew but doesn't say who they were. **Alfred Oldham**, he is pleased to hear, is going strong. **Holmes** sends along his best regards to all old comrades.

**Wallace Cook**, "Cookie," M16044, enlisted at the age of 34 on September 13, 1939, and was a pioneer at H.Q. He suffered from spinal injuries during service. Discharged, June 23, 1945, with 6½ years service to his credit. He is a bank messenger. Home address, 8728 Jasper Ave. Married, wife and daughter age 2½ years.

**Geoffrey Naylor**, M1704, enlisted in May, 1944, at the age of 19. Posted to the 49th in April, 1945. He was in the air force before coming to a good outfit. Sit down now all you Aceyducees! His total service was from Sept. 1943 to August, 1946. Being a commercial traveller he gets around some, but settles down for a short spell at 5061 Blenheim St., Vancouver, B.C. In sending along **A. G. Rowland's** address to **Naylor**, we neglected to say, Ste. 9, 2112 Cornwall.

**Matthew H. Bradley, "Brad," "Bracket,"** D-14055, enlisted at the age of 18 in the R.H.R. of Canada, July 13, 1944. He had a spell of trudge, trudge, with all the companies but eventually ended up with D company until wounded in the legs at Rimini. He was discharged January 26, 1947, with rank of C.S.M. after 4½ years. He is now on Public Relations-Publicity-Free Lance Writing—offers to let us have some material for our magazine which will be welcomed by ye editors. His recommendation of the Forty-Niner brings rouge out on our cheeks, but thanks, Brad! Bracket now lives at 476 Walnut Ave., St. Lambert, Montreal, Que. Married, and has one daughter, Carole Anne, 1 year old. He has met several old comrades who were in the Loyals at one time or another, and who live down there. Brad holds office in the Montreal Boys' Association.

A welcome tribute to the long history of the magazine and those responsible comes from **W. Bowron**, 1033 20 Ave., Calgary, Alberta. He says it looks like going on forever. With the current infusion of new spirit and interest, who will deny that possibility.

A hello and cheerio to old Forty-Niner friends comes from **R. H. Darke**, 201 Bedford Hill, Balham, London S.W. 12. He mentions being in touch with two Forty-Niners in London, **Stan Fidler**, and **Kenneth Scott**, with whom he does a spot of gardening.

**Frank Duguid**, High Prairie, Alberta, writes that a lot of old 49th pals call in and chat about Forty-Niner doings and finding much to reminisce about from items as published in the magazine.

One whom we all miss in these parts is **Walter Hunter**, who writes from 726 Buena Vista, White Rock, B.C. Walter speaks of meeting **Sid Cunningham** and **Bill Tipton**, two of the old guard, and with such an active character as Walter, it would be no surprise to find that a branch of the 49th Association has already been formed at White Rock. All old friends will wish improved health be restored to Walter and **Mrs. Hunter**.

**Wm. Leonard**, of De Bolt, B.C., has farmed in the Peace River area since 1919, would like to contact old friends of the 49th. He was with the regiment from Vimy on to the end, serving in number one platoon, when **George Gleave** was platoon sergeant.

Another old timer, who writes from R.R. No. 2, Ryder Lakes, B.C., is **C. J. Maddams**. He is living in retirement, he says, on 33 acres and enjoys his ease by seeing the other fellow do all the work. And we would say from his letter his rest is well earned.

We received a warm letter of thanks and appreciation of the 49th Association from **Mrs. Peterson**, of Rosedale, Alberta. **Mrs. Peterson** is the widow of our former old comrade, **Tony Peterson**, whose death was deeply regretted by all old members of the 49th Battalion.

Among those who have sent in their new addresses, we have **J. S. Prowl**, 1530 13 Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta.

We also note that **R. C. (Ring Reid)** is another member of the White Rock contingent. His address,

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**Jim Riley**, Vernon, B.C., was pleased to receive the magazine and sent along dues for **Fred Smith** and himself. He wanted word of **Phil Hogan**, but our records are nil on **Phil**, but **Sam McBride** of whom he enquired died in 1943. Several of his Vernon friends like to read the Forty-Niner. We are glad to know **Riley** and his pal **Smith** are still going strong. **Riley** used to draw his rum ration with Beer company, 49th.

**R. E. Wooton**, of Caersalem, Langley Park, St. Saviours, Jersey, Channel Islands, has found great pleasure in a copy of the Forty-Niner, the first he has received for a good many years. His letter seems to express so much pleasure at being able to contact old friends, with whom he served. He rather stirs the imagination by a slight reference to the years of German occupation. He has, however, promised to tell us more about it in another letter to the editor.

**Frank Bowling**, Milner, B.C., called in on Ye Editor when on his way East with friend wife for a visit. This was at the end of October. **Frank** was sorry he couldn't spent time to visit with his old cronies and wished to be remembered to **Harry Smith** and all the rest of the troops.

**C. E. Black**, M16016, Duhamel, 'sounds like he was trying to cuss in German,' Alta., wrote in to **Byron Morrison** to say he was now kicking around in those parts. Things were not looking so "Black" as his name would indicate. Thanks for the five spot for dues, Blackie. He served in No. 1 Platoon, H.Q. Coy.

**Jack Birmingham**, a Loyal Eddie, who graces the Edmonton Fire Dept. with his presence, would like to get in touch with **J. Dixon**, K48160, and also **Sgt. Bob Strong**, both of them served with him in the late doings in Sicily, Italy and Holland. (Not De Kypers).

**Percy B. Holgate**, D Coy., **R. V. Patterson**, C Coy., and **Mrs. Seabrook** and one or two anonymous senders are herewith thanked for sending along copies of the January 1948 issue, as per our July issue request.

**R. A. Goulet** of the 1st Bn. now lives at 817 West Hasting St., Vancouver, B.C. We are sorry our information on Goulet is so meagre, but his old friends will no doubt be pleased to know he is at the seaside.

**A. McHardy**, 2503 12 Ave., Oakland, California, is now a Life member. Mac's wife, while on a visit to Edmonton, called and paid the money for her hubby. Unfortunately we were not at home at the time **Mrs. McHardy** called so were unable to get any word on how Mac was faring, but naturally figure he was all O.K. when friend wife was holidaying.

**Fred R. Smith**, 101375, B company, 49th, is still at Vimy Ridge Farm, Grand Prairie, Alta., so **Mrs. Smith** tells us in a letter she wrote sending along dues and some word of Fred. We were pleased to hear from them and to know prosperity was with them. Farming with help scarce is rather a chore, and their family being two daughters, cuts down on the outside help. Both daughters are married and they have six grandchildren, three of a kind. Good luck to you out there.

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## SCENE AT THE CENOTAPH, REMEMBRANCE DAY, 1948



Returned men, servicemen and citizens pay their tribute to the fallen of both World Wars.

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##### Remembrance Services and Cenotaph Ceremonies— Veterans of Two Wars Pay Nation-Wide Tribute

In keeping with the rest of the nation Edmonton and district veterans of both wars paid solemn tribute to the memory of their fallen comrades.

Services were held at the headquarters of all returned men's organizations or at appropriate places within the city of Edmonton. Later they formed up on Macdonald Drive and marched to the Cenotaph where wreaths were deposited and prayers said in honor of the fallen.

##### At the Cenotaph

Edmonton's parade was held while a steady drizzle fell, but this failed to dampen the proceedings or cut short the brief annual ceremony.

Wreaths had been deposited earlier by relatives, friends and other organizations, and at the ceremony proper wreaths for the province, city and the three services and women's groups were laid.

The four chief mourners of honor of the three services and a representative of the American forces stood during the whole ceremony at the Cenotaph with 'arms reversed,' as solemn and immobile as though carved in marble. This appeared to us as one of the most impressive tributes paid to the memory of our dead. Great credit is given to these four well disciplined members of the services.

##### March Past

Following the ceremony the parade, with bands playing and colors flying marched past the saluting base at Jasper Ave. and 101st Street, where

the Lieut. Governor, surrounded by his staff, took the salute. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment band led the parade followed by the Canadian Corps; then the Canadian Legion; Army, Navy and Air Force Association and the reserve forces in a smart and brisk payment of compliments. The massed forces were under the adjutancy of Alan Macdonald of the Loyal Eddies.

##### Country Districts Pay Tribute

Out in the country towns and villages many of our members joined in paying their respects with fellow citizens. At Grande Prairie Capt. J. Mantle, O.C. of D coy., L.E.R., with D Company under the command of Lieut. E. Nelson and Cadets of D Company, led by 2nd Lieut. Cadet Gault paraded for the ceremonies.

Tofield's ceremonies included the unveiling of the cross and plaque, in an impressive service, by Col. E. B. Wilson of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Among those laying wreaths was Mayor Clutterham, D Coy., 49th.

The guest speaker at Vegreville was Rev. Major E. Bailey, First Baptist Church, Edmonton, Chaplain of the L.E.R. in Italy days.

##### Luncheons and Smokers

Later on in the day luncheons or smokers were held and reminiscing and old time war songs were in full swing, reviving all the nostalgic memories of those old but ever-green memories of red-letter days.

##### Armistice Signing Recalled

The following news item from an (AP) dispatch

in a local paper will be of interest to all troops: "The demonstration came after President Vincent Auriol left Paris to lead the Armistice Day ceremony in the Forest of Compeigne—where once stood the old railway car in which the First Great War Armistice was signed 30 years ago.

Only a plaque remains. The old railway car, where the Germans also dictated peace—to the Vichyites—had been taken to Germany and was burned in the Second Great War.

#### Europe Weary from War

"For the most part, Europeans, weary from a second war and apprehensive of another clash of arms, hardly paused to recall the end of the First Great War."

"Britain honored the dead of two world wars on Remembrance Day, which was observed on the Sunday in a national ceremony during which His Majesty the King placed wreaths on the Cenotaph in London."

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**George Branton**, 1 Tennyson Rd., Ryde, Sydney, Australia, writes wishing all the old gang the very best for the Christmas and New Year. He is still getting along in a fair way, and is enjoying their summer weather. George says it was worse than drawing teeth to get the O.K. for sending dues money along.

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F. E. Hancock was elected president of the Central Community League at the annual fall election's meeting held in the Canadian Legion Hall. He succeeds Harold McCready, who presided at the meeting last September.

### Crerar Appointed Aide-de-Camp

The announcement was made last July of the appointment of Gen. H. D. G. Crerar by His Majesty the King as his first aide-de-camp general in Canada. The appointment is recognized as both a tribute to the retired 60-year-old general and to the Canadian war effort. The 1st Canadian Army, which General Crerar directed in its European campaign, played a large part in the allied forces' triumphs in the Second Great War. The Canadian general is the first Canadian military officer to hold this special appointment. It is honorary and will not entail visits to England. Gen. Crerar lives in Ottawa. The general will be the King's chief Canadian aide should he come to Canada.

### Vets Comforts Fund Swelled

Veterans' comforts were supplied last August with \$4,000 proceeds of Amps association carnival. Larry Bradley, president of the Amps association received a cheque for \$2,000 from Mrs. W. G. Patterson of the Vets Hospital Recreational Council and a similar amount was presented to J. W. Proctor, D.V.A. district administrator by C. W. Lilley, A company, 49th, carnival treasurer. Chairman Harold Wright looked on with a smile.

### Some Soldier!

In a news item in a local paper appeared the following: "Drummer Walter Campbell, 80, the British Army's oldest deserter, has given himself up after 60 years, having missed three major wars." He had evidently neglected to take advantage of the amnesties usually afforded by Royal proclamation on all important State occasions. We wonder if any of the necessary witnesses and officers are available for his regimental and army disposition.



Ted Horton

## Horton Awarded Gold Medal

A Gold Medal Award was won by Ted Horton in a writers' competition sponsored by the Alberta government last summer. The presentation was made by the Hon. A. J. Hooke, minister of economic affairs. Ted has also received recognition in his appointment for the pressmen at the legislative building.



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### LOYAL EDDIES REPORT TO H.Q.

Temporary address of Ralph Schneck, M15775, is given as 479 Joffre Street, Esquimalt, B.C. He is a laborer in the coast city and at the time he filled out his form had a four-month-old daughter. (Congratulations.)

His enlistment date is given as Sept. 11, 1939, and his age on enlistment as 18. He served nearly six years with the regiment, most of it in A company.

Though his temporary home address is the Esquimalt one listed above, his "present place of residence" is given as Shaughnessy Hospital in Vancouver.

Cec Paul was only 17 when he put his services at the command of his King and Country in Nov. 1939, when he went to Don company. His number was M16435.

He rejoices in the job of traffic officer with the Vancouver police and says he too has a five-month-old baby girl at his home at 2834 Adanac Street.

He was sergeant when he left the services in August 1945. He recalls the early journeying of the regiment after landing in Dec. 1939 in Glasgow, and records his own transfer to the service corps in October 1940. He aided in the training of drivers needed in the Service Corps until July 1944, when he landed in Normandy.

He "worked along" with the army into Germany, he says, until he hit a shellhole some careless German had left in front of his motorcycle, sending him to hospital in England and Canada for many months both before and after his discharge.

### Appointed Director

Miss Rene Hobbins was appointed to the National Board of Directors of the Allied Florists and Growers of Canada at the National convention of the association last fall. Miss Hobbins was the only woman director appointed, and was the sole Alberta representative at the conference.

### DUES PAYABLE

Byron Morrison, jeweller, and Bert Millar, who is 2 i/c at Mike's News Stand have generously offered their help to issue tickets and accept the usual dues for membership in the 49th Battalion The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association, for those wishing to join for the first time, or to bring their dues up-to-date. With more and more veterans taking an interest in activities of our association Mike's News Stand and Morrison, jeweller, are conveniently central places at which to call and ask for Bert or Byron to make enrollments. If anyone asks you, or you are among those on the lookout for new members to join up, simply direct them to Byron's or Bert and they will gladly fix them up at Mike's, 10062 Jasper Avenue, or Byron Morrison, jeweller, 10010 - 101A Avenue, opposite McLeod Block. Out-of-town members or anyone wishing to do so can still pay dues to N. Arnold, 11908 - 92nd Street, J. Madore, D. V. A. Building, or K. J. Rootes, 9711 - 106th Street. Annual dues are \$1.00 and life membership \$15.00. This entitles a member to the semi-annual issues of the Forty-Niner, postpaid.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

"Thirteen Years After," by Corporal Will R. Bird, M.M., 42nd Battalion (5th Royal Highlanders)

The following is taken from Bird's book and will be of interest to 49ers.

Chapter 3, Sanctuary Wood, Page 20.

"Just previous to that attack I read an account of the 49th Battalion holding a part of the line reached from Zillebeke, and of them being raided by twenty Germans. The 49th repelled them, killing the majority, and the officer and N.C.O. in charge were both captured. The N.C.O. died of wounds but the officer was reported as Lieut. W. Binder, of the 21st Wurtemburgers."

Writing of the June 3rd scrap Bird says—"the 42nd holding the Apex during the most critical hours." "The 49th was brought forward to join in the attack on the 3rd and were to be supported by the 52nd Battalion." — "the 49th went over in broad daylight in a desperate drive. They had terrible casualties and thirteen officers fell, but they succeeded in getting into Sanctuary Wood and establishing blocks there. On the next day the Ninth Brigade relieved them and the survivors of the Princess Pats."

The road to Vimy. Page 61.

He mentions the tunnel at Vimy (Grange Tunnel) and names decorating the walls: J. L. Snyder, 49th Battalion. Snyder served with D Company.

A Madame who remembers. Page 117.

"There was a Quarter Bloke at Ferfay (the 3rd Divisional School) who must have lost countless blankets. Whenever we were short of cash the procedure was to go to him for something and hold his attention while a comrade filched a blanket by means of the end door. And another chap and I, a Forty-Niner, assisted our scheme by stealing back the blanket from the Madame to whom we had peddled it for eggs and chips. She would put the blanket in a room on the ground floor and we would go in the window and get it again. She never missed it, as she had a pile of them of at least twenty blankets by her bed."

This book was a very interesting account of a visit to the First Great War battlefields, and being written by one who participated in it was of extreme interest to all who had the pleasure to read it. He gave a description of the places as they were at the time of the war and his visit "Thirteen Years After."

We wonder if the Forty-Niner who took part in the last episode is reading this account.

## OUR THANKS TO THE NEWSPAPERS

The many pictures appearing in this issue indicate the generosity of both the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Bulletin in their co-operation by loaning cuts for publication. We are grateful to both of our local newspapers for the help they give the magazine committee. We also thank all those who assisted in the publication of our magazine.

Do not forget the Advertisers when making your purchase as the "sinews of war" are mainly received through their patronage.

Another change of address is from V. Reid, Box 266 New Glasgow, N.S. This old Forty-Niner enlisted in the last war in the Picton Highlanders, but regret he did not get overseas; and speaking of Highlanders, remember the day that several cases of kilts arrived at the Q.M. Stores at Shorncliffe, and what a scare that was.

## Boborosky—Tingstad

The wedding took place last summer of Bernice Margaret Tingstad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tingstad to Paul Louis Boborosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Boborosky, all of Edmonton. The wedding was solemnized in Edmonton. The honeymoon trip was to Jasper and Banff. Tingstad senior served in the 49th.



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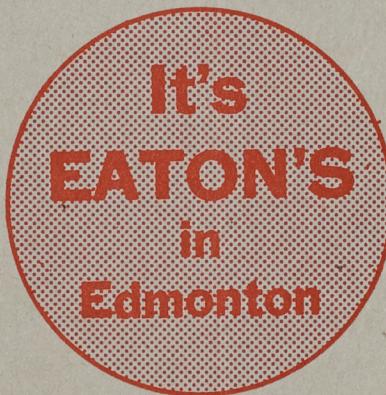
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